Abingdon Dolphins

Teaching fundamental life skills in an interactive, fun and safe environment

Swim England

Newsletter February 2023

Term Dates

Half term: Sunday 12th February to Sunday 19th February incl.

Time change: Radley - Friday lesson times move back by ½ hour to 3.30pm & 4.00pm after February half term.

Full details can be found on booking forms, the front page of the website and on the 'Timetable' and 'Calendar' pages. Follow us on Facebook.

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Communication

Term dates are available from.

- 1. Front page of the website.
- 2. Newsletters
- 3. Timetable and calendar page of the website
- 4. Booking forms
- 5. Social Media

Price Increase

We usually only make one price increase a year (September). In light of the current economic climate we at Abingdon Dolphins have found it necessary to review our pricing structure in order that we can continue to provide premium quality swimming teaching. One of the biggest outlays of any swim school is the cost of pool time. We have, where possible, absorbed the incremental increases however so that we can retain the highest calibre teachers, provide the widest range of equipment and courses and ultimately, continue to provide the best possible tuition overall we have taken the decision to make some changes to the prices of lessons. From Easter there will be an increase of £2.50 for the term (10 weeks) A quick internet search will reassure you that our prices are competitive and represent good value for money.

This will enable us to plan and prepare for your child's future in their chosen aquatic discipline.

We believe that you would be, quite rightly, disappointed if we opted to compromise either our philosophy of promoting and providing excellence or our commitment to optimising your child's progress.

The new prices will mean that we can maintain our reputation of providing quality tuition in a safe and friendly environment and as such Abingdon Dolphins will still represent excellent value compared to other local swim schools, offering a wider range of activities, exceeding standards set by others and leading the way in aquatic development.



Weather

As the weather deteriorates over the coming months any cancellations or lesson time changes will be initially by email, but also via the website and Social Media.

Reports

As usual for this term, no teacher reports will be issued at the end of this term however the swimmer's records will be updated by the teachers and awards issued where they have been earned.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher about something specific, we can arrange for this to take place. Please email us to make an appointment.

Goggles

We have in the past asked for goggles not to be worn in Foundation classes, as we have felt that it interferes with true water confidence for many children. We are now relenting a little as times change and children coming from other venues are more wedded to them these days. We will allow goggles to be brought into classes but we will aim to accustom all our swimmers to be happy with and without them (by making sure that teachers do plenty of work without them).

We ask parents to make sure that children can put them on securely and know what to do if they steam up. If you can't see it is hard to follow a class!

A reminder - All sites.

No jewellery/watches or any other wrist bands to be worn during swimming lessons.

Radley - Long hair to be tied back or a swimming hat should be worn.

Failure to comply can lead to serious injury.

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