

School Swimming Policy

For parents

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Purpose of school swimming

OIA school swimming helps students develop the skills and confidence needed to be safe in and around water. Lessons also support progress towards the Dutch Swim ABC requirements. Obtaining a diploma is not a separate school objective, and some students may still need additional private lessons to achieve certification.



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- School swimming is voluntary and is offered to students in Groups 3 and 4.
- Lessons take place at SKWA on Tuesdays from 14:45 to 15:30.
- Students who do not participate can be collected from school at the regular finishing time of 15:00.
- The bus is expected back at approximately 16:00. Parents should be ready at the bus drop-off point when it arrives.
- If a parent is unexpectedly delayed, the child remains with staff. After approximately 5-10 minutes, uncollected students walk back to the school playground with the Swimming Coordinator or a teacher. This is a contingency, not a later collection option.



Supervision and responsibilities

OIA

- OIA organises transport, schedules, attendance records, parent communication and the transfer of relevant medical or support information to SKWA.
- OIA staff and volunteers supervise the bus journey, transitions and changing rooms and complete headcounts at key points.
- Changing rooms are supervised by at least two adults whenever students are changing. A volunteer is never left as the sole adult supervising the changing-room area.

SKWA

- Qualified SKWA instructors provide the lessons, decide level-group placement and are responsible for students in the pool area.
- SKWA manages pool safety, first aid and its own emergency procedures.

Parents

- Provide OIA with a copy of any swimming diploma held by your child and accurate medical, support and emergency information.
- Notify school of absence or any medical reason that may affect safe participation.
- Provide suitable swimwear, a towel and warm clothing for the journey home. Label belongings clearly.
- Make sure your child understands that school and bus behaviour expectations continue to apply during swimming activities.

Volunteers

- Volunteers support supervision during transport, transitions and changing. They follow the Swimming Coordinator's instructions and report concerns immediately.
- Volunteers do not teach, determine swimming levels, provide medical decisions or enter the pool area during lessons.



Safety, privacy and behaviour

- Students stay with their group throughout transport and transitions and must wear a seat belt on the bus.
- Students are encouraged to change independently. Adults only provide physical help when necessary and with clear, visible safeguarding practice.
- Photography, video and audio recording are not permitted during regular swimming activities or in changing areas. During designated viewing lessons, parents may take photographs or videos of their own child, provided the privacy of other students is respected. Recording in changing areas is never permitted.
- Parents and volunteers do not enter the pool area during lessons. Parents may attend designated viewing lessons when announced.
- OIA may pause or end a student's participation if safe supervision cannot be maintained. Parents will be contacted to discuss the next steps.

Incidents and exceptional arrangements

- SKWA provides first aid for incidents in the pool area. OIA coordinates follow-up communication with parents and records relevant incidents.
- Collection directly from the swimming pool is only possible in exceptional circumstances agreed in advance by school leadership. It is not a regular collection option.
- OIA will communicate changes such as pool closures, clothing lessons, diploma swimming, viewing lessons or timetable deviations.
- OIA may cancel or adapt swimming because of severe weather, transport disruption, pool closure, staffing or another safety concern.

Questions

For practical questions, medical updates or volunteer offers, please contact Pim van Holst, Swimming Coordinator, at pim.vanholst@floreer.nl.