



# ORION SWIMMING CLUB

## Helpers' Policy

Orion Swimming Club is different to many other learn to swim courses in that it gives support and help to new swimmers in the water by providing helpers.

The Learners' group is extremely important to Orion Swimming Club in that it develops swimmers from a very early age who will hopefully remain with us to compete in team galas and open meets as they get older. With this in mind it is important that the helpers understand the role they are playing in supporting the club.

- Helpers need to be ready to enter the pool at the start of each session.
- Helpers must listen to the teacher taking the "Seahorses" (armbands) group but the Level 2 teacher is ultimately responsible for what they do.
- If a helper is concerned about any of the swimmers in their care they should speak to the teacher or the Learners' Coordinator.
- Please remember you are representing the club and what you do has a direct effect on the swimming career of the young swimmers in your care. This is particularly so with very young and nervous swimmers. Please behave responsibly and sensitively at all times and provide the learners with a good role model.
- If there are any problems with the behaviour of the learners helpers their parents will be informed and they may be asked to stop helping.
- Helpers should be encouraging, supportive, friendly and helpful to all the young swimmers in the group.
- Helpers may be asked to demonstrate a particular skill to the learners, such as diving. They should listen to the directions of the teacher and do this to the best of their ability.
- All helpers over 16 years old will be asked to have a CRB check.
- Helpers' rotas are placed on the notice board at the King Edward Boys Pool. It is the responsibility of each helper to find cover for any session they are unable to do. Please refer to contacts sheet. If there are any difficulties please contact the Learners' Coordinator.