



RETFORD SWIMMING CLUB

Established 1896
Affiliated Notts A.S.A., A.S.A. East Midland Region

Swim21
Accredited

Code of Conduct - Parents/Guardians/Carers

The club recognises the vital role that parents play and realises it cannot meet its aims and objectives without the help and support of its parents. An important aim of the club is to encourage appropriate ethical behaviour amongst its members. Parents, guardians and carers are important role models and in this respect, they can best support the membership by displaying the behaviours set out below:

Parents are expected to:

1. Complete and return the Medical Information form as requested by the club and detail any health conditions/concerns relevant to your child on the consent form. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the lane coach prior to coaching sessions. Ensure the club has up to date contact details for you and any alternative person.
2. Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/swim meets. Please inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. If the club changes your child's lane and swimming times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should be facilitated and encouraged at all times.
3. Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment, i.e. hats, goggles etc.
4. Inform the coach/WO before a session if your child is to be collected early from a coaching session/meet and if so by whom.
5. Encourage their child to obey rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
6. Behave responsibly as a spectator at training/meets and treat swimmers, coaches, committee members and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect meeting the ASA commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
7. Ensure they do not use inappropriate language within the club environment.
8. Show appreciation and support your child and all the team members.
9. Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutritional needs and listen to advice given from the club coach.
10. Support the club coach and committee appropriately and raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner. Details of the club Welfare Officers can be found on www.Retfordswimmingclub.org.uk.
11. The coach has your child's best interests at heart. Build a positive relationship with the coach and discuss any issues with them. Respect their position as a coach and their desire to balance the needs of your child, other swimmers and the club.
12. Do not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency. If you wish to have a discussion with the coach check with the club Welfare Officer how this can be arranged.
13. Most of all help your child enjoy the sport and achieve to the best of their ability.

The club will undertake to:

- a. Inform you at once if your child is ill and ensure their wellbeing until you are able to collect him/her.
- b. Ensure good child safeguarding guidelines are followed at all times to keep your child safe.
- c. Ensure all activities are properly supervised/taught/coached and consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.

The parent has a right to:

- a. Make a complaint to the club if they feel the club or a member of the club is not acting appropriate to ASA/club rules and regulations. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the club Welfare Officer.
- b. Make a complaint on behalf of their child to the ASA Office of Judicial Administration.

