



## **Observer Guidelines**

Please read and note this information for guidance on poolside:

- Observers should wear a coloured tabard on poolside at all times
- Please use the correct footwear on poolside
- Please bring the warning horns to the poolside
- Instructors will notify observers of all alarms and their activation points.
- Keep your eyes on the children at all times. Stand at the required area
- Do a head count at the beginning, during and at the end of the lesson
- No food poolside, plastic water bottle only
- Please ensure you have read and understood the roles and responsibilities of the observer
- No mobile phones on poolside
- Before you leave the poolside, please make sure all pupils have left the area.

Thank you



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### **An Observer is...**

A responsible person on the poolside who is competent to recognise and respond to a pupil in difficulty. Ideally, they should be a competent swimmer. This person may be a parent, a teaching auxiliary, or, at the head teacher's discretion, a responsible pupil of at least 16 years old. Such persons must always work under the direct supervision of the teacher, be absolutely clear about their role, and are not to be counted in any teacher/pupil ratios. It is expected that teachers take advice from instructors on the deployment of observers.

### **An observer will:**

- Be responsible to the teacher present at the pool
- Be dressed appropriately
- Ensure they have at least two warning horns prior to the lesson and that they are in working order

#### **NB Lessons may not take place if horns are not available**

- Ensure that mobile phones are switched off at all times on the poolside, pool viewing areas and in the changing rooms  
(This is in line with Child Protection Guidelines)
- Fully understand what is expected of them when they are on duty
- Be familiar with all the filter points, grid areas and drainage channels located on the bottom of the pool
- Be in position before the class enters the pool area and remain present throughout the lesson
- Be prepared to move their position to enable maximum vision of the water surface and the bottom of the pool. They must take particular account of any reflective water glare
- Stand, not sit, at the observing area
- Give their complete attention to observing their allocated area/pupils
- Be extra vigilant when two separate water areas are in use simultaneously
- Sound the warning horn if there is any doubt as to whether a swimmer is in difficulty or not
- Be aware of the location of the emergency contact points
- React to the 'Emergency Procedure' when required. **Guidance will be given by the instructors and centre staff.**