



Wear Valley Amateur Swimming Club Transport Policy

This advice should be read in conjunction with the **Swim England/NSPCC document "Safe Sports Events Activities & Competitions."** (Updated 2017). A copy can be found on the NSPCC website.

- Parents and carers are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their child to any training or competitive event, except when the club have organised transport in respect of the club team or training event
- It is not the responsibility of the coach or other poolside staff to transport, or arrange transport for swimmers to and from any swimming training or galas.
- Arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other club members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.
- When transport is provided by the club i.e. by mini bus or coach, the club should ensure written consent is obtained by the parent or carer & contact details for the parents should be kept up to date if they are different from that on the club contact form.

In the event of a team/training event where the club are transporting the team the Team Manager will provide parents and carers written details of:

- What transport is being provided i.e. coach, mini bus.
- Departure time of the team coach and the expected time of arrival back.
- Venue for swimmers to meet the coach and if different the venue from which they can be collected.
- The contact number of a nominated officer at the event for emergency use only.

Coaches and club officers unrelated to a swimmer/s under 18 years of age should not transport swimmer/s alone in a car or other transport except where to fail to do so would cause the child to be placed at risk of harm. If in such an emergency situation a child has to be transported without a relative present two suitably DBS checked adults should be present and the child should always be placed in the back seat with the adults in the front. If possible, parental / carer consent should be obtained in advance.

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