



National Curriculum requirements

All Maintained schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage (KS) 1 or KS2, according to the [National Curriculum framework](#). At Sheep Dip Lane Primary School, swimming is taught to pupils within year 5.

Sessions are taught at Thorne Leisure Centre with support from DCLT.

Sessions include teaching pupils to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively – for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Withdrawing pupils

In **maintained schools**, pupils cannot be withdrawn from swimming at either KS1 or KS2. However, if a pupil has already achieved the required standard (outlined in section 1 of this article), the headteacher may use his/her discretion and decide whether the pupil must take part in swimming lessons, according to the DfE.

The pupil would need to demonstrate to the headteacher, or another member of staff, that he/she is able to meet the minimum standard.

If the headteacher thinks it appropriate, the pupil can remain in swimming lessons to develop more confidence or improve their skills.

Providing alternative activities

If a pupil is not taking part in swimming lessons, you must provide alternative activities for them during this time, according to the DfE. You could, for example, offer additional support in another PE activity that the pupil needs help with.

When pupils don't meet the standard

By providing the lessons and teaching the skills outlined in section 1, our school has met its obligations under the National Curriculum, according to the DfE.

It is our aim for all pupils to achieve the standards.

If pupils do not meet the standard, we will:

- Notify the pupils' parents through assessment and reporting procedures.

2019 - 2020 Swimming Assessment information

Maintained schools **and** academies must publish on their websites what percentage of pupils within their year 6 cohort can:

Competency	Year 5 cohort (Year 6 September 2020)
Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres	21/35 = 60%
Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)	21/35 = 60%
Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations	21/ 35 = 60%