

DRURY SCHOOL: Policy 5.18 – Swimming Pool

Rationale:

To ensure safe use of the school swimming pool.

Guidelines:

- The swimming pool must be fenced in accordance with the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.
- Pool testing must be carried out daily during swimming season.
- The pool gate should be securely closed at all times. A self-closing mechanism must be fitted and regular checks carried out on the operation and effectiveness of gates and locks, replace where necessary.
- Swimming pools can be dangerous, water presents a risk of drowning and injury can be sustained from the hard surfaces associated with the pool surrounds or from the misuse of equipment. Signs to be clearly visible stating:
 - NO RUNNING
 - NO JUMPING
 - NO PUSHING
 - NO PERSON TO SWIM ALONE
- During school swimming times, there must be a teacher present within the pool enclosure who will ensure that pupils in the pool are in his/her line of vision at all times.
- Pool gates to be locked after each swimming session and key returned to office.
- Use of the pool outside school hours is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, on an individual case by case basis, and all users are to be under strict adult supervision at all times.
- All pool chemicals and pool equipment must be stored and used in accordance with the Health and Safety Regulations.