



# Swimming Pool

## PRIVATE HIRE ADMISSIONS POLICY

Ingleton Open Air Swimming Pool aims to provide users with an enjoyable experience under the safest possible conditions. To help us ensure the health and safety of all the pool users, the following swimming pool Private Hire Admissions Policy is in operation.

The following admission policy applies to children:

- All children aged under 4 years (0 – 3 years old), regardless of swimming ability, must be supervised in the water on a 1:1 basis by an adult (16 years of age or over).
- All children aged under 8 years (4 - 7 years old), who are classified as “non” or “weak” swimmers, must be supervised in the water on a 1:1 basis by an adult (16 years of age or over).
- All children aged under 8 years (4 - 7 years old), who can swim unaided, must be supervised in the water by an adult (16 years of age or over). An adult may supervise up to three children between the ages of 4 and 7 years old who can swim unaided.
- We advise that children aged 8 years or over whom cannot swim competently be supervised in the water by an adult (16 years of age or over).
- Children over 8 years of age who can swim competently may be admitted unaccompanied.

Supervising adults must go into the water with the children they are with. This person must be in close contact with the child or children who are weak or non swimmers. If it is noticed that this is not occurring then the pool staff or lifeguard must inform the adult to keep the child or children under constant supervision.

It is the duty of the supervising adult for a child or children to remain in full eye contact of the child or children they are supervising throughout the whole of their visit to the swimming pool and to make alternative temporary arrangements should it be necessary to leave the child or children at any time during the visit.

Specific attention must be given to all children. This includes looking specifically for weak swimmers and non swimmers.

It is strongly recommended that all “none” swimmers should wear approved swimming aids such as armbands.

It is strongly recommended that all “none” or “weak” swimmers are restricted to the designated shallow areas of the swimming pool.

All swimmers must inform the lifeguard if they suffer from any illness or disability which may affect their ability to swim.

All swimmers should always swim within their own abilities and are requested to inform the Lifeguard of any specialist assistance they may require.

School parties and organised bodies who have undertaken their own Risk Assessment regarding the supervision of children can apply their policy.

Kind Regards, Ingleton Open Air Swimming Pool