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BATH DOLPHIN SWIMMING CLUB

President Mr P F Brake

Dear Parent,

The club welcomes you and your family to Bath Dolphin Swimming Club. We hope you will enjoy the experience of being a club member including the training, competitions and the social interaction with all our members. This letter is aimed at giving you information that may be of assistance to you as new members. Please do ask me, the club chair, any committee member or coach if you have other questions not covered in this letter or on the website www.bathdolphin.co.uk.

Firstly, who runs the club? A list of key club officers can be found on the Bath Dolphin website here: [Bath Dolphin Swimming Club - Club Officers \(teamunify.com\)](http://www.bathdolphin.co.uk) They are a mix of ex-swimmers, parents of current swimmers & volunteers who have been involved with the club for over 30 years. We are always glad for more help, so please don't be shy in coming forward if you want to help in any way. **A club such as ours only exists because of the volunteers.** Personally, I have been involved with Bath Dolphin, on and off, for 40 years, first as a learner, then a squad swimmer, then team captain, then Alkmaar co-ordinator, then, just before lockdown, club chair. I'm incredibly proud to represent Bath Dolphin, without them, my life would have been completely different – a lot of friends & family all forming from my involvement in the club. It's been a challenging few years for Bath Dolphin, and swimming in general, but, with the team we have in place, the club is in a really good place both in the pool and in general.

Onto the club. All Bath Dolphin swimmers are continuously assessed and placed in the appropriate squad/lane that will aid their development and maximise opportunities for reaching their potential. These decisions are made by the head coaches of each squad – Steve Pittard for Junior Squad and Tegan Carpenter-George for Senior Squad. Both coaches will collaborate when it comes to moving swimmers between squads. All swimming decisions are ultimately made by Tegan with club decisions coming from the committee.

Codes Of Conduct

Just as we expect others to behave properly to you, we expect all our members (including their parents/guardians) to behave in an appropriate manner to anyone who they interact with when taking part in club activity – this includes behaviour before and after training, at galas/open meets & on any club-endorsed events. We have codes of conduct that you, swimmers, and all club officers are required to comply with as members of Bath Dolphin SC. Links to Swim England codes of conduct, and additional useful information, can be found on the Bath Dolphin website [Bath Dolphin Swimming Club - Useful Info \(teamunify.com\)](http://www.bathdolphin.co.uk)

We use two swimming pools, Kingswood School for a Junior Squad session, and the main Bath Sports & Leisure Centre. We would not be in existence if it wasn't for the support both pool providers give us and our behaviour and respect of their facilities is of utmost importance.

While we hope you and your family's experience with Bath Dolphin will be happy and content, sometimes questions, concerns or issues may arise. If you have a question regarding teaching/coaching you should in the first instance approach the teacher/coach in charge of the group but please do so at a time convenient to the coach and please do not go on poolside and interrupt training sessions.

Bath Dolphin is a Swim Mark accredited club and follows the guidance in Wavepower for child safeguarding, Code of Ethics and Codes of Conduct. Bath Dolphin SC is committed to providing effective safeguarding practice for all its members and has adopted the Swim England Safeguarding Policy - Wavepower – which can be viewed and downloaded from www.swimming.org. If you have a question or concern regarding swimmer welfare then please contact Fred Lacey, the Club Welfare Officer. Contact details are on the website and every contact will be treated with the utmost privacy.

For anything else, please contact us at bathdolphininfo@gmail.com and we will do our best to help you.

With all that said, I sincerely hope you enjoy your Bath Dolphin experience. Good luck in the pool!

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