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BATH DOLPHIN SWIMMING CLUB

President Mr P F Brake

Dear Dolphin,

Welcome to Bath Dolphin Swimming Club. We hope you will have an enjoyable and happy time as a swimmer at our club and that you make many new friends and enjoy training and competing with us. Your parents have a welcome letter too. This letter is to give you some additional information you may find helpful now or in the future.

Bath Dolphin are committed to help you swim for enjoyment, learn to train hard and to achieve your potential. The coaches and teachers are here to help you do that and have been trained to do so in a safe and proper manner. You should soon get to know your coach and if you have any concerns about training do talk this over with your coach and your parents.

As a part of the Bath Dolphin family, you will have the opportunity to swim all over the country, competing against thousands of other swimmers your own age. We have several club galas a year which is your chance to win medals & trophies as a reward for your hard training. As well as that, we have a brilliant relationship with a swimming club in Holland, DAW Alkmaar, who we have been partnered with since 1948. I hope you get an opportunity to visit Holland with us soon, they are excellent trips which involve a little bit of swimming, but mostly a lot of fun with other Bath Dolphin & DAW Alkmaar swimmers.

Safeguarding

You may wonder what we mean by Safeguarding. Basically, alongside our wish for you to enjoy and succeed at your swimming we want to ensure you are safe and happy in the club and that we act upon anything that prevents that. That is what we call safeguarding our members. We want to make sure you are not being:

- Bullied
- Treated differently to others
- Hurt by another person on purpose
- Ignored

Preventing such behaviour is very important to us as a club and to achieve that we have a safeguarding policy called Wavepower. If you want to have a look at Wavepower, it can be viewed and downloaded at www.swimming.org. Wavepower has a section specifically for swimmers that our Youth Forum has helped us to write, which you may find interesting to read.

We know any bullying or poor behaviour towards you would make you feel unhappy so, please, do tell your parent, your coach, the Club Welfare Officer or any other adult you feel happy to speak to. Any issues you raise will be dealt with privately.

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, parents, and all club officers are required to comply with as members of Bath Dolphin. 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 \(teamunify.com\)](https://www.teamunify.com/Bath-Dolphin-Swimming-Club-Useful-Info)

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.

We hope you will have a very happy and successful time while a member of Bath Dolphin swimming club.

Paul Brake

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