

## Transport Policy

Please read this policy in conjunction with the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit document "Safe sports events, activities and competitions (2013)"

- Parents / guardians are responsible for ensuring appropriate transport arrangements to and from any training session or competitive event, except when the organisation is providing transport for a squad or team.
- Arrangements made between parents / guardians to transport other children who are members of the club are at the sole discretion of the parents / guardians concerned.
- The driver is responsible for ensuring that a child has and uses a seatbelt. Vehicles without seatbelts should not be used, nor the recommended number of passengers for the vehicle be exceeded.

Swim England and the City of Leicester Swimming Club recognises that some children are capable of taking themselves home alone. Each situation should be assessed as it arises in an appropriate manner, and parental consent must be given. When considering if it is appropriate for a child to take themselves home on their own several factors should be considered by the parent / guardian and organisation, for example time of day, how far they have to travel, are there any busy roads or dangerous or unlit routes.

The NSPCC provide useful guidance around assessing if a child is ready to do this which can be found at [learning.nsocc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone/](https://learning.nsocc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone/)

- It is not the responsibility of the coach or other club staff to transport, or arrange transport for members to and/or from any training session, event or competition. If a child is not collected on time the Late Collection of Children Policy will be followed. This can be found on the website
- When transport is provided by the organisation eg: minibus or coach, the City of Leicester Swimming Club will obtain written consent from the parent / guardian.
- Contact details will be checked to ensure that they are up to date.

**Coaches or club officers unrelated to a member aged 18 years and under should not, in non-emergency situations, transport members alone in a car or other transport. In an emergency situation the child's welfare is paramount and where failure to act may place them at risk of harm transporting a child may be a necessity. In such an emergency situation it is recommended that two DBS checked adults from the club transport the child. In all cases the child should be seated in the back seat.**

**If possible, consent from parents / guardians should be obtained in advance.**