



Welcome letter to parents

Dear Parent,

The organisation welcomes you and your child(ren) to the Hailsham Swimming Club. We hope your child(ren) will enjoy the experience of being a member including the training, competitions and the social interaction with all of their fellow members. This letter will provide you with information that may be of assistance to new members. Please do ask me, the welfare officer, or any committee member or coach if you have other questions not covered in this letter.

Firstly who runs the organisation? A full list of the officers, committee members and coaches can be found on our website and the pool notice board.

Below is a list of some of those officers for your information.

Club Chairman	Wolfgang Gower	01323 740326
Club Secretary	Jeanette Simpson	01323 406140
Club Welfare Officer	Jackie Baldwin-Charles	welfare@hailshamswimmingclub.org
Head Coach	Charlie Wood	headcoach@hailshamswimmingclub.org

The clubs preferred method of communication is via our Closed Facebook page 'Hailsham Swimming Club Members', to join please request to be added on the Facebook page 'add members' area. You will also find lots of valuable information on the club website <http://www.hailshamswimmingclub.org/> including Important Notices, Parent advice, Swim advice & News.

We are a Swimmark club and follow the guidance in Wavepower for child safeguarding, the ASA Code of Ethics and codes of conduct. While we hope your child will be happy and content at the organisation, sometimes questions, concerns or issues may arise.

If you have a question regarding coaching you should in the first instance approach your child's coach. Do so at a time convenient to you both and please do not go on poolside and interrupt training sessions. The coaches will be happy to arrange a time before or after training to discuss any training issues.

If you have a question or concern regarding child welfare, the welfare officer should be informed. Alternatively, there is a dedicated helpline for anyone wishing to raise a safeguarding or welfare concern directly to the ASA called Swimline – a Swimline poster with contact details can be found on the notice board.



Our organisation is committed to providing good child safeguarding practice for all our young members and we have adopted the ASA Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures manual – Wavepower, a copy of which is held on our club website www.hailshamswimmingclub.org or can be viewed and downloaded from www.swimming.org. Our organisation is one where we accept that good safeguarding and fair play is paramount for all our young members.

Your child(ren) has already been assessed as to what level they are currently achieving to place them in the appropriate training lane and competition level which is outlined below with other helpful information.

- Team coaches list:
Head Coach - Charlie Wood – Performance
Hornets Squad Leader - Debs Barden - Stamina, Stroke and Streamline
- Details of training times. Please see website for current timetable.
- Swim England Data protection Notice. Please see website " Privacy"
- Privacy Policy and GDPR compliance. Please see website "Privacy"

The Hailsham Swimming Club is always looking for parental help to run the organisation. You may offer to help or a member of the committee may approach you to see if you are able to assist. We are predominantly a voluntarily-run organisation and we appreciate all the help parents can give us, however small.

Lastly, we have a parent's Code of Conduct which goes alongside similar codes for the coaches, officers and members. You will be asked to read and sign the parents' Code of Conduct and countersign that of your child/children.

And finally, we hope you and your child/children enjoy being a member of the Hailsham Swimming Club

Kind regards

Jeanette Simpson

Club Secretary
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