

Putteridge Swimming Club and Little Putts Academy have put together some FAQs regarding what we are doing and have done to ensure a safe return to club activities from the Covid lockdown on Monday 12th April.

As a member of Swim England (NGB), we will be following their Return to pool guideline along with the Government's guidelines for the return of indoor sport and recreation. Both can be found below:

Swim England: [Swim England Clubs Guidance - COVID-19 - Return to Pool 2021](#)

[Swim England Guidance for Swimming Lessons](#)

Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

What will Little Putts and PSC do to ensure teachers are Covid secure and fully prepared for the return?

All our teachers will be having weekly Covid-19 testing along with wearing appropriate PPE in and around the pool building such as masks and shields.

How will Little Putts Academy keep equipment, pool facilities, entry and exit areas safe and clean?

We will continue working with our pool providers and their maintenance team "Mitte" to maintain our already high standards of care and public health requirements. These standards have become even more important in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and include: Hourly washing down of poolside, hand sanitising stations upon entry and exit of the building, cleaning of equipment before and after use, and cleaning of changing village before and after usage.

Do swimmers arrive and leave in their swimming kit?

Yes. All swimmers in the academy and our parent club will be arriving "beach ready" as per Swim England guidelines. All swimmers will also leave the facility in their swimming trunks/ costume as we will be following the facilities exit procedure which is different to their entry procedure. With this being the case, please ensure all swimmers bring suitable clothing for after swimming i.e., onesie. Although we fully appreciate this may not seem ideal, this is a protocol we have been working with for the time we have been back at the pool during the pandemic and have had nothing but positive support for this with some parents praising the speed in which they now can get home! There are obviously circumstances where this protocol may not be suitable for all swimmers: swimmers needing help to dress (stages 1,2,3), swimmers with disabilities that may need extra support so please do contact us and let us know if you wish to use the changing rooms.

Will parents/ guardians be allowed to spectate on poolside?

Guidance from our governing body advises no spectators at lessons. This is to ensure social distancing can be adhered to at all time. This should not impact development or routine for any of the swimmers as at little Putts Academy we currently run a no parent/ guardian poolside policy, of which you can find out about on our website and noticeboard, therefore swimmers should still feel comfortable.

Face Coverings – do parents/ guardians have to wear face coverings?

As being a sport that works indoors where social distancing may be difficult, and where you may come into close contact with people you may not normally meet, we have therefore we have made it a requirement for all of our parents/ guardians to wear face coverings when moving around the facility.