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Welcome letter to Parents/ Carers

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The organisation welcomes you and your child(ren) to Team Bath AS. 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 club web page (<https://uk.teamunify.com/team/reczzasuk/page/home>)

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

Chairperson: **Sarah Gillett**, email address: chair@teambathas.co.uk

Secretary: **Steve Williams**, email address: secretary@teambathas.co.uk

Welfare Officer: **Tess Gibson**, email address: welfare@teambathas.co.uk

Head Coach: **Chris Alderton**, email address: chris.alderton@teambathas.co.uk

We follow the guidance in Wavepower 20-23 for child safeguarding, the Code of Ethics and codes of conducts. 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 via email. Please do not go onto poolside and interrupt training sessions. The coaches will be happy to arrange a time before or after training to discuss any training issues you may have.

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 Swim England called Swimline tel: 0808 100 4001

Our organisation is committed to providing good child safeguarding practice for all our young members and we have adopted the Swim England Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures manual – Wavepower 20-23, a copy of which is held by Tess Gibson or it 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.

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Your child(ren) has already been/will be (delete as required) 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.

Our team page has all the relevant information you may require

- Team coaches list.
- Details of training times.
- Details of competitions.

Team Bath AS are 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 totally 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 Team Bath AS

Best Wishes

Tess Gibson
Welfare Officer
Team Bath AS

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