

Transport Policy

(as seen in Wavepower 2020/23, Section 2.4, page 102)

In conjunction with this policy, Swim England and the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit document [‘Safe Sport Events, Activities and Competitions’](#) should be consulted.

- Parents/Carers are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their Child to any training or competitive event, except when the Club have organised transport in respect of the Club team.
- It is not the responsibility of the Coach or other poolside staff to transport or arrange transport for Swimmers to and from any swimming training or galas.
- Arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other Club Members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.
- When transport is provided by the Club (by mini bus or coach), the Club will ensure written consent is obtained by the Parent/Carer.
- Contact details should be provided for the Parents/Carers.

Where there is a team event and Reading Swimming Club have pre-arranged transport, the Team Manager will provide parents and carers with written details of:

- What transport is being provided i.e. coach, minibus.
- Departure time of the team coach and the expected time of arrival back.
- Venue for swimmers to meet and to be collected from.
- The contact number of a nominated officer at the event, for emergency use only.

Coaches and Club officers unrelated to a swimmer or swimmers under 18 years of age, should not transport these swimmer(s) alone in a car or use another form of travel, except where the failure in doing so would cause the child to be placed at risk of harm.

In an emergency situation where a child has to be transported without a relative present, two suitably Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) checked adults should be nominated and the swimmer should always be placed in the back seat with the adults in the front.

If possible, parental/carers consent should be obtained in advance.