

## Guidance for coaches, teachers and poolside helpers

Swim England recognises the commitment of all those who work directly with children in our sports, whether paid or unpaid.

Coaches and teachers are often “chosen” by children as a safe and trusted adult to whom they can confide in to disclose concerns about abuse, in the knowledge that the trusted person will help get that concern addressed in a proper and confidential manner. The Swim England Child Safeguarding Team wishes to acknowledge the importance of the role undertaken by our coaches and teachers over and above that expected of them to safeguard children, and the important role that they, and all staff, play in putting Swim England Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures into practice.

The Swim England Code of Ethics applies to all those involved in our sports and can be found in the Swim England Handbook [swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-handbook/](https://swimming.org/swimengland/swim-england-handbook/).

The Code of Ethics should be read in conjunction with the Swim England Codes of Conduct. The Codes of Conduct for members under the age of 18, parents/guardians, coaches, teachers, poolside helpers, officials and all those who work with children can be found on the website at [swimming.org/wavepower](https://swimming.org/wavepower).

All those who work directly with children must adhere to Wavepower to ensure they safeguard children at all times.

This section has been written with the help of the British Swimming Coaches Association (BSCA) and a representative group of coaches and teachers, to provide clear and specific guidance to enable best practice to be implemented by all. Information on the BSCA can be found at [gbswimcoaches.co.uk](https://gbswimcoaches.co.uk).

