

TRANSPORT POLICY

OBJECTIVE: Boldmere SC is committed to a club environment in which all children¹ participating in its activities have a safe means of transport to/from galas/meets.

¹ A child is defined as any young person under the age of 18.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- 1) Boldmere SC Parents/Guardians 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 team.
- 2) It is not the responsibility of the coach or other poolside staff to transport, or arrange transport for swimmers to and from any swimming session/event. Arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other club members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.

TEAM MANAGERS:

- 1) When transport is provided by the club in the form of a coach, the club will ensure consent is obtained from the parent/guardian of the child to be transported by coach and a Medical Consent to Emergency Treatment form obtained. (Draft forms can be found in Safe Sport Away).
- 2) The Team Manager will provide parents/guardians with written details of:
 - Where swimmers should be dropped off and met before and after the event.
 - The expected time of arrival at the collection point and the expected time of arrival back.
 - A contact phone number for parents to use if they are unavoidably delayed in collecting swimmers or to arrange suitable alternative plans for collection.
- 3) The Team Manager will ensure parents/guardians have:
 - Relevant forms completed and signed by parents as outlined in Safe Sport Away.
 - Details of the parents contact phone number on that evening if it differs from the numbers held by the club.
 - The Club Late Collection of Swimmers Policy.

Boldmere SC Coaches/Teachers/Club Officers/Volunteers who are unrelated to a swimmer under 18 years should not transport swimmers alone in a car or other transport except where to fail to do so would cause the child to be placed at risk of harm. If in such an emergency situation a child has to be transported without a relative present, two suitably CRB checked adults should be present and the child should always be placed in the back seat with the adults in the front. If possible, parental/carer consent should be obtained in advance.

The Committee of **Boldmere SC** will review this policy at regular intervals to ensure that it is effective and is achieving its stated objectives.