



Stourbridge Swimming Club Medical Policy

In order that pool staff may be aware of any potential problems we need to be aware of any physical or medical conditions. It is important that any changes in a swimmers medical status are passed on to the coach and/or membership secretary immediately. Parents/carers should provide Stourbridge Swimming Club with any guidance regarding the administration of medicines and/or treatment from the GP, clinics or hospital. Swimming Staff have the legal right to refuse to administer medication unless in an emergency situation. Under common law duty of care, coaches/teachers should act like any reasonably prudent parent in an emergency situation. This may include taking action such as assisting in administering medication or calling an ambulance. In the event of an emergency, your child may be given medical, surgical or dental treatment, including general anaesthetic and blood transfusions considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your child has easy to access to any medication they require when left under the care of Stourbridge Swimming Club. None prescription medication for hayfever and allergies will NOT be administered, nor will Calpol or Ibuprofen by teachers/coaches. All use of medication is done under the appropriate supervision unless there is an agreed plan for self-medication (such as use of inhalers). Parents will be informed of any medication that a swimmer has taken while under Stourbridge Swimming Clubs supervision, parents will also be informed if their child has rejected medical advice. Individual Healthcare Plans are used to create a centralised register of pupils with complex health needs. If your child has been assigned one through school, Stourbridge Swimming club would appreciate a copy in order to make sure that we are meeting the needs of the swimmer involved.

If your child has a physical disability or injury, either short or long term, Stourbridge Swimming Club would advise that both the parents/carers alongside the swimmer discuss their training with the coach to ensure the best recovery possible.

As of the 1 January 2016 the British Swimming Medical Declaration form has been removed from use. Therefore it is the swimmers responsibility for checking their own medication is not banned. This must be done via the WADA approved website: www.globaldro.com.

Note: If there are any changes to your child's medical status please recomplete the medical declaration form. A copy of this can be requested from the desk at Dudley.