



# Volair Swimming Policy

## CHILD SWIMMING ADMISSIONS POLICY

In accordance with the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA) guidelines and our own risk assessment we enforce the following policy:

- All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult of 16 years or above on a ratio of no more than 1 adult to 2 children.
- The responsible adult must go into the water with the child/children they are accompanying.
- Whilst in the water the responsible person must maintain a constant watch over the child/children they are accompanying and be in close contact with children who are weak or non-swimmers.
- Children under 4 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult on a ratio of 1 adult to 1 child; however the ratio becomes 1 adult to 2 children in the event that every child under 4 is wearing approved floatation aids.
- Floatation aids approved under this policy are those that fully support the child's weight in the water and remain secure both in and out of the water, e.g. arm bands or floatation vests. NB Hand-held floatation aids are not acceptable.
- All children under the age of 8 who are weak or non-swimmers are advised to wear approved floatation aids.
- No adult can accompany more than 2 children under this policy.

## Ratios

### Children aged under 4 years

1 adult : 1 child with no approved floatation aids

1 adult : 2 children both with approved floatation aids

### Children aged 4 – 7 years inclusive

1 adult : 2 children with or without approved floatation aids

### Children aged under 4 and 4 – 7 years (mixed)

1 adult : 2 children with the under 4 in floatation aid