



# Child Pool Complex Admission Policy

## Important!

The aim of this policy is to protect children, who historically, are those most at risk of drowning in swimming pools.

Birr Leisure Centre policy is set against the background of the advice and guidance of the following relevant organisation: Royal Lifesaving Society, Water Safety Ireland, Swim Ireland and Ireland Active.

- **Children aged 8 or under must be accompanied in the water at all times by a supervising adult, that is, someone aged 18 or older.**
- **One adult supervisor must accompany every two children aged 7 or under. If there are three or four children aged 7 or under, a second adult supervisor is essential, and so on.**
- **For children aged 8, 9 and 10, the ratio is one adult supervision for every three children.**
- **One adult may supervise two children aged 7 or under plus one child aged 8, 9 or 10 OR one child aged 7 or under plus two ages 8, 9 or 10. But one extra child in either age group requires a second adult supervisor.**
- **Adult supervision means that adults must accompany the child in the water at all times.**
- **All children not yet potty trained must wear a swim nappy. (Available at reception).**
- **All children and adults must wear a swim hat.**
- **No armbands or flotation devices are permitted beyond the 1.2m mark, as shown on the walls of the swimming.**
- **Larger Family size cubicles are available for getting children changed.**
- **All items must be removed from your cubicle and placed in a locker. Lockers are coin operated (€1 coin return). This ensures cubicles are available for other pool users.**
- **The maximum time allowed in the swimming pool is 2 hours.**
- **Children misbehaving will be asked to leave the pool, and if parents are not on-site, they will be called.**

## Please note:

- **We have a lifeguard or lifeguards on duty at all times. The role of the lifeguard is to oversee the entire pool and everyone in it rather than to provide individual supervision. Lifeguards cannot and should not be expected to replace the care, responsibility and supervision of parents.**

**Thank you for your cooperation about this very important  
Safety Policy**