

Swim Wales Training & Development

Under 18 Guidelines

Swim Wales has a duty of reasonable care for all learners attending their Swim England Qualifications (SEQ) courses. A learner who has not yet reached their 18th birthday is a child under the Children Act 1989. A child who is 16 or over living independently or in further education does not change their right of entitlement to services or protection under the Child Act 1989.

This document sets out the boundaries of responsibility for a child during all Swim Wales courses and seeks to confirm arrangements for theoretical sessions, lunch breaks and travel to and from the course where applicable, as well as practical sessions for all other courses.

On commencement of the course, the tutor will have responsibility for registered attendee's welfare for the duration of the training course at the training venue.

Please note the details provided regarding the venue and refreshments:

Learners, who have not brought their own refreshments, may wish to leave the venue. In these circumstances, the course tutor will operate a signing in/out sheet for the duration of the course for all learners.

Should a learner fail to return to the training after a break, the course tutor will contact the emergency contact using the details provided on the Learner Registration Form.

Some of Swim Wales training venues operate communal changing rooms and learners may be left unattended during changing times.

It is recognised that learners aged 16 or over will in most cases travel to and from the training venue independently. Once learners have left the training venue they will cease to be under the supervision of the tutor.

For learners under the age of 18, Swim Wales would advise that parents/carers arrange collection/drop off their child in line with the course timetable. In the event of delay they contact the course tutor.

Should any changes be made to the course timetable, i.e. early finish, the course tutor will inform the learners in advance so that necessary transport arrangements can be made. Should parents be satisfied for their child under 18 to travel to the venue independently we would kindly request that parents/carers advise the tutor/Swim Wales of this arrangement before commencement of the course.