

## Booking Lessons

### Traded & Support Services

South Gloucestershire school swimming arrangements are generally co-ordinated by South Gloucestershire Traded & Support Services:

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Traded & Support Services will contact all schools directly (February / March) requesting information on the schools' swimming requirements in order to plan for timetabling and transport for the following academic year.

Schools can organise their own swimming if they wish.

Schools are being encouraged to plan their swimming in order to give pupils the best possible opportunity to learn and progress. This can include **Block, Top-up Block and Booster sessions** – see the academic year timetable on page 3.

### Block sessions

A Block Session is an intensive programme of swimming instruction, rather like a “crash course”, undertaken **each day for one week**.

These are available at South Gloucestershire pools. The Dolphin Pool in Filton may be able to accommodate Block sessions if required.

Currently, in order to support this initiative, an additional instructor (over and above the single instructor included in the session charge) is provided through funding from the National Top-Up Scheme (free of charge to Schools).

The Block Sessions can run alongside conventional weekly sessions.

Please note that Block Sessions are available as part of the School's overall swimming requirements and are not an exclusive alternative to conventional sessions. This means that if a school wishes to swim for twenty sessions during the year, they could book fifteen conventional “weekly” sessions and complement this with a one-week Block booking to account for a further five sessions.

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### Booster sessions

Booster sessions provide an opportunity for targeted year 5/6 pupils to receive additional swimming, in conjunction with the School's normal swimming provision. Subject to the availability of pool space, under this scheme Head teachers will have the opportunity to identify pupils who are not part of the class/group for whom the swimming sessions are booked, but perhaps had yet to achieve the requisite minimum 25m standard during a previous period of instruction and would benefit from participation in further sessions.

Provided there is spare capacity on the transport provided and in the pool to accommodate additional numbers, no additional cost would be incurred by the school (i.e. this is a mechanism to ensure that teaching and pool resources are utilised to maximum effect).

At the beginning of any academic year, once normal swimming has commenced, South Gloucestershire Leisure will work with the School to possibly introduce Booster sessions. Only at this point can the capacity for additional swimmers be judged, based on pool space, group sizes and transport space.

### Top-up Block Sessions

Top-up Block Sessions are intensive daily swimming sessions (over a one week period) for a mixed group of targeted Year 6 pupils from schools across South Gloucestershire. In conjunction with the swimming instructors, the School PE co-ordinators will identify those pupils in greatest need of additional instruction (in order to achieve curricular swimming targets i.e. 25m) and accommodate a programme of block sessions exclusively for these students.

Arrangements to facilitate these sessions will be administered by The Strategic Swimming group. It is hoped that a very small number of pupils will be identified from any single school. These sessions will currently have funding to cover the provision of transport (including chaperone), pool charges and instructors. Schools are contacted directly to discuss appropriate arrangements.

**KEY  
POINTS:**

**WE OFFER WEEKLY LESSONS, BLOCK LESSONS  
AND TOP UP SUPPORT.**

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# SCHOOL SWIMMING

## Academic Year 2009/09 Timetable Dates

Swimming Week Numbers	Restrictions	Dates - Monday-Friday
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	Term starts Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	1 – 5 September 2008
Week 1		8 – 12 September 2008
Week 2	PM – Block Sessions only at Bradley Stoke – Yate – Kingswood – Longwell Green Pools. Dolphin blocks AM only	15 – 19 September 2008 <b>(PM – Block Sessions only)</b> Morning sessions available as usual
Week 3		22 – 26 September 2008
Week 4		29 Sept – 3 October 2008
Week 5		6 – 10 October 2008
Week 6		13 – 17 October 2008
Week 7		20 – 24 October 2008
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>27 - 31 October 2008</b>
Week 8	Wednesday - Friday only	3 – 7 November 2008
Week 9		10 – 14 November 2008
Week 10		17 -21 November 2008
Week 11		24 – 28 November 2008
Week 12		1 – 5 December 2008
Week 13		8 – 12 December 2008
Week 14		15 – 19 December 2008
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>22 – 26 December 2008</b>
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>29 December 08 – 2 January 2009</b>
Week 15		5 – 9 January 2009
Week 16	PM – Block Sessions only at Bradley Stoke – Yate – Kingswood – Longwell Green & Thornbury Pools	12 – 16 January 2009 <b>(PM – Block Sessions only)</b> Morning sessions available as usual
Week 17		19 – 23 January 2009
Week 18		26 – 30 January 2009
Week 19		2 – 6 February 2009
Week 20		9 – 13 February 2009
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>16 – 20 February 2009</b>
Week 21		23 – 27 February 2009
Week 22		2 – 6 March 2009
Week 23		9 – 13 March 2009
Week 24		16 – 20 March 2009
Week 25		23 – 27 March 2009
Week 26		30 March – 3 April 2009
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>6 – 10 April 2009</b>
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>13 – 17 April 2009</b>
Week 27		20 – 24 April 2009
Week 28	PM – Block Sessions only at Bradley Stoke – Yate – Kingswood – Longwell Green & Thornbury Pools	27 April – 1 May 2009 <b>(PM – Block Sessions only)</b> Morning sessions available as usual
Week 29	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday	4 – 8 May 2009
Week 30		11 – 15 May 2009
Week 31		18 – 22 May 2009
<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>	<b>25 – 29 May 2009</b>
Week 32	PM – sessions reserved for Top-Up Sessions in ALL South Glos Leisure Trust pools. Dolphin blocks AM only	1 – 5 June 2009 <b>PM Reserved for Top-Up Sessions</b> Morning sessions available as usual
Week 33		8 – 12 June 2009
Week 34		15 – 19 June 2009
Week 35		22 – 26 June 2009
Week 36		29 June – 3 July 2009
Week 37		6 – 10 July 2009
Week 38		13 – 17 July 2009
Week 39		20 – 24 July 2009

**KEY POINTS:**

**THERE ARE 39 WEEKS A YEAR WHEN YOU CAN ACCESS THE SWIMMING POOLS FOR LESSONS**

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