

Kells Swimming Club

The Code for Parents/Guardians

Parents/ Guardians have the primary responsibility for the care and welfare of their children.

They should encourage their children to participate in sport for fun and enjoyment and should ensure that their child's experience of sport is a positive one. **Parents should always remember that children play sport for their own enjoyment not for that of the parents/guardians.**

Parents/ guardians and Leaders will ideally work in partnership to promote good practice in the Club and to support all efforts to protect the children against all forms of abuse.

They should ensure that the Club treats their children with fairness, respect and understanding, and that it is fulfilling its responsibility to safeguard children by ensuring the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport is being implemented in the Club.

They should encourage their children to tell them about anyone causing them harm.

They should become aware of Club procedures and policies, in particular where changes are made that affect them or their children, and be informed of all matters relating to ethics and good practice.

Parents/Guardians should remember that children learn best by example.

Your responsibilities are to:

- Be a positive role model for young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and respectful behaviour in any activity related to the Club.
- Allow your child to focus their efforts and set their own goals rather than winning being the main objective
- Understand and ensure your child/children abide by The Code for Young People
- Support the ethos of the club
- Support your child and their teammates in a positive way
- Listen to your child if they have any concerns about our sport
- Become members of the club and contribute your time and effort in the daily running of the club; no club can operate successfully and safely without the help of volunteers
- Be available for specified duties if and when required; some duties are mandatory and form part of the procedures for safeguarding your children; some will be at the request of the Club
- Where appointed to a role or duty you should not be under the influence of any banned substance or alcohol whilst involved in any club/region/Swim Ireland activities
- Have an awareness of and respect leaders and other adults and their roles
- Understand the complaints and disciplinary process; follow the proper procedure if you feel unjustly treated and that any complaint/disciplinary matter will be dealt with effectively and confidentially
- Know your child's training and/or competitive programme, and accept it is your responsibility for delivering and collecting your child/children. Parents/guardians should ensure they do not leave their child/children waiting unsupervised at any time
- Ensure appropriate leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning your child
- Provide the appropriate leaders and your child with emergency contact information and to be reasonably available in case of emergency
- Promote that participation in sport for children and young people is fun, safe, fair and in the spirit of fair play

- Arrange an appropriate time and place for discussing any matter with leaders and coaches; communication should not take place whilst leaders and coaches are in a position of supervision or responsible for other young people
- Abide by the procedures and policies regarding the use of mobile phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment
- Be aware of and abide by the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policies and the rules and constitution of Swim Ireland, the region and your own club
- Comply with all additional Swim Ireland policies and protocols as introduced for clubs and regions

Note agreement to your Code of Conduct is mandatory as a member of Kells Swimming Club.

By signing below, you are committing to abide by the above. Any breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with the Club, Regional and Swim Ireland complaints and/or disciplinary process.

Print Name _____

Club Kells Swimming Club

Signed _____

Date _____