



President: Mr F.G.Andrews

Dear Parent,

Sutton & Cheam Swimming Club welcomes you and your child(ren) to the club.

We hope your child(ren) will enjoy the experience of being a club member including the training, competitions and the social interaction with all their fellow members. This letter is aimed at giving you information that may be of assistance to you as new members. Please do ask me, the club Chairman, or any committee member or coach if you have other questions not covered in this letter.

Firstly who runs the club? A full list of the club officers, committee members and coaches can be found on the club website:

<http://www.suttonandcheam.co.uk/aboutus/whoswho/whoswho.htm>

All our coaches, teachers and other volunteers who have contact with our younger members are Swim England qualified; trained in Safeguarding and Protecting Children and DBS - checked.

SwimMark and Clubmark

Sutton & Cheam Swimming Club has been SwimMark and ClubMark accredited since 2009. SwimMark Accreditation is a 'quality mark' for Swim England affiliated clubs, which recognises nationally the clubs that are committed to providing safe, effective and quality services for the benefit of their members. As such, our club is committed to providing good child safeguarding practice for all our young members and we have adopted Swim England's Safeguarding Policy & Procedures Manual – "Wavepower 2020-2023, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from our club website

<http://www.suttonandcheam.co.uk/membersparents/safeguarding/index.htm>

Similarly, Clubmark is a cross-sport quality accreditation for clubs with junior sections, and signifies the Club's commitment to being a safe, effective and child-friendly sports club.

While we hope your child will be happy and content at the club sometimes questions, concerns or issues may arise. If you have a question regarding coaching you should in the first instance approach your child's coach. Please do so at a time convenient to you both and please do not go on poolside and interrupt training sessions. The coaches will be happy to arrange a time before or after training to discuss any training issues you may have.

If you have a question or concern regarding child welfare, the club Welfare Officers, Sonia Marx or Clare Bayles, should be informed. They can be contacted on welfare@suttonandcheam.co.uk, and they will deal with any concerns you may have.

Alternatively there is a dedicated helpline for anyone wishing to raise a safeguarding or welfare concern directly with Swim England called Swimline. The telephone number is 0808 100 4001.



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If they haven't already been assessed, your child(ren) will be assessed as to the level they are currently achieving to place them in the appropriate training lane and competition level, which is again outlined on our website with other helpful information. If you are not happy with that decision, please in the first instance, speak to the coach concerned.

The swimming club is always looking for help to run the club. You may offer to help or a member of the committee may approach you to see if you are able to assist. We are predominantly a voluntary run club and appreciate all the help parents can give us, however small.

Lastly we have a parent's code of conduct, which goes alongside similar codes for the coaches, officers and swimmers. You will be asked to read and sign the parent's code of conduct and countersign that of your child / children.

And finally we hope you and your child / children enjoy being a member of the Swimming Club.

Kind regards

Dave Andrews

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Club Website: www.suttonandcheam.co.uk

Club Welfare Officers: Sonia Marx & Clare Bayles - welfare@suttonandcheam.co.uk

Club Secretary: Helen Andrews 01737 813843

Website links:

Squads, Training times & Venues:

<http://www.suttonandcheam.co.uk/aboutus/training/training.htm>

Useful Member/Parent information (includes Codes of Conduct):

<http://www.suttonandcheam.co.uk/membersparents/index.htm>

Safeguarding Policies and Procedures - "Wavepower 2020-2023"

<http://www.suttonandcheam.co.uk/membersparents/safeguarding/index.htm>

Child Safeguarding contacts:

http://www.suttonandcheam.co.uk/membersparents/safeguarding/Sutton_Cheam_SC_Information_Sheet_and_Emergency_Contact_Details.pdf