

POLICY ON SWIMMING POOL

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PREVIOUS REVIEW :	NEXT REVIEW : MARCH 2021
IMPLEMENTED BY: Principal	

DEFINITION:

This policy is established to ensure that all procedures are followed in the use of the pool and that the pool remains a viable resource for Dunes International School for many years to come. Swimming pool is established for the benefit of all users of the swimming pool to assure the safe operation of the pool facilities and to provide enjoyable recreation for all.

POLICY:

Maintenance of the pool is the responsibility of the caretaking staff and the chlorine levels, PH and temperature should be monitored and recorded at least twice daily. They, in consultation with other staff members, will decide whether the condition of the pool allows use.

Safe Range For Use			
Safe ph level		Abu Dhabi preference	7.4 to 7.6
Chlorine level	1-2	Minimum level	1
		Maximum level	2.5

Site Specific Information:

Length	12Meters
Width	8Meters
Shallowest depth	1Meter
Deepest Depth	1.75Meters
Number of lanes	4
Surface area of water	96Sq.M

The ability to use the pool will vary depending upon the weather /environmental conditions which can affect the state of the pool such as

- Rain
- Temperature

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- Sand storms

Facilities must keep daily log of pool test results. Testing must occur before the pool is used each morning and at regular times throughout the day. Maintenance staff must receive appropriate training on regular basis.

The pool area is monitored and serviced through surveillance cameras at all times.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED:

INSTRUCTOR/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

- Must carry a whistle at all times and be suitably dressed.
- Must always be on the poolside whilst supervising swimmers.
- Must know the Emergency action plan.
- Must ensure that he/she can see all areas of the pool at all times, including the bottom of the pool. Ensure that an adequate variety and amount of rescue equipment is in the pool before starting each lesson/session.
- Person in charge must not leave the pool area at any time, unless another qualified person remains on the poolside with a group.
- Ensure that the safety equipment is positioned at intervals along the pool surround. Ensure that the tasks set are appropriate for the groups being taught.
- Ensure that the equipment does not obstruct the pool surround, thus preventing accidents.
- Must regularly practice their lifesaving techniques to ensure their effectiveness has not deteriorated.
- The school is responsible for undertaking a periodic risk assessment of the school's swimming provision. This should be carried out by the Swimming Teacher.
- When making decisions about pupils with special educational needs, schools need to ensure that the law relating to SEN Disability Act is followed whereby schools take all reasonable steps to avoid discriminating against pupils on the grounds of their disability.
- Suitable clothing and appropriate footwear should be worn. Ensure all children are suitably attired. It is recommended that girls wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys wear swimming trunks or appropriate swimming shorts. Provision must be made for alternative attire for minority ethnic pupils when a request is made. Oversee the use of swimming caps – these are worn for pupils' safety, hygiene and clear identification. All pupils must wear a swimming cap.
- No hat, no swim.
- Make sure that the children are aware of the pool depth.

POOL SAFETY AND HYGIENE

- In this unit children will be introduced to pool safety and hygiene. Pool safety will include knowing the rules of the pool; such as



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- No one is permitted in the pool area without a lifeguard/qualified teacher being present.
- No one must swim unless in a group of three or more, one of whom must be qualified and stay on the side.
- No running.
- No diving (including racing and surface dives) in non-diving area. Diving area from deep end edge only.
- No dangerous or irresponsible behaviour in changing rooms or pool area.
- All swimmers should be encouraged to use the toilets before entering the pool.
- All swimmers must know the pool evacuation procedure and get out of the water when instructed to do so.
- No outdoor footwear allowed in pool area.
 - Must be dressed appropriately.
 - Must not enter the pool with any infectious diseases or skin complaints.
- No drinking pool water
- Drying themselves properly after their class.

INTRODUCING WATER CONFIDENCE

- In this unit children will focus on improving their water confidence so they are comfortable with getting in the water, they feel confident moving around the pool in a variety of different ways, and submerging their head underwater.
- Children will be given the opportunity to improve their water confidence through a variety of activities and small games working both individually and in small groups.

POOL LIFEGUARDS WILL

- Keep the pool area locked at all times when not in use
- Check the availability and condition of all swimming pool safety equipment before each session
- Have primary responsibility for the safety of all pool users during each session Remain out of the pool unless required to enter the water for emergency intervention
- Coordinate with the Teacher / Coach in Charge to ensure all equipment required is at hand and in good working order
- Have primary responsibility for ensuring the pool, poolside and changing rooms have been completely vacated before securing the pool area and locking the doors
- Be fully aware of all standard and emergency operating procedures.

Emergency:

At the time of emergency the lifeguard/ swimming instructor must

- Remain calm at all times ·
- Ensure the safety of all class members at all times.
- Do not turn your back – keep students in sight.



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- If possible, perform any rescue from the poolside.
- Ensure that help is sent for immediately.

FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS

- A complete and updated first aid kit is readily available in each pool area. This will be checked by the school nurse once a month.
- The lifeguard or Teacher in Charge will attend to any minor injuries including small cuts, bumps or falls as they occur. Any injury to the head or face area must be directed to the School Doctor.
- In the event of a serious injury, the Teacher in Charge will inform the School, Doctor immediately and follow the medical team's direction.
- An Incident Log Book is kept in the PE office and all first aid interventions must be recorded in this log.

POLICY:

- No one will be allowed in the swimming area unless the pool is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty.
- Swimming without a Ready-To-Rescue Lifeguard present on deck is prohibited.
- All students entering the pool area must pay the appropriate course fee registration.
- The school will maintain and operate the pool to ensure that the required water quality and other operating standards are met for the period of the year and hours of the day required.
- During any school session when the pool is in use, there will be at least one person designated as the swimming pool supervisor, who will supervise the pool at all times.
- The number of additional supervisors required will be determined by the number of swimmers
- This policy and User Code shall be easily accessible to all users by being permanently displayed in the pool enclosure, and provided to all authorized users.
- A group of children (5 or more, 6-17 years of age) entering the pool must be directly supervised at poolside by an adult in swim attire.
- There must be one adult for every five children.
- Students MUST contact the Swimming teacher before coming to the pool. Groups with children under 6 years of age must provide one adult per child in the water, due to the high risk nature of the activity.
- If a student with a disability needs special accommodations to use the pool complex, please contact the School Swimming Supervisor.
- Guards have authority to enforce all pool rules, students who repeatedly violate the rules may be ejected by the School Swimming Supervisor.

Principal's Approval	
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