



The Waterfront Leisure Centre

Child Admission Policy 2022

Under our policy a child is defined as anyone under the age of 18 years

Child Admission Policy - Premises

Children under 16 years of age are not permitted on the premises after 8pm

Children under 10 years of age must be supervised on the premises at all times

Child Admission Policy – Gym (First Floor)

Children under 16 years of age are not permitted to use the gym facilities

Child Admission Policy - Pool Open Sessions

Children under 4 years

Must be accompanied in the water by a responsible person over the age of 18 on a 1:1 ratio. However the ratio becomes 1:2 if any child under 4 is wearing a suitable buoyancy aid. Buoyancy aids accepted under this policy are those that fully support the child's weight in the water and remain secure in and out of the water, e.g. armbands or a float suit. Buoyancy aids that are hand held are not considered appropriate.

Children aged 4 to 9 years

Must be accompanied in the water by a responsible person over the age of 18, with no more than 2 children per responsible person. If any of the children pass a 'Competent to Swim' test they still need to be accompanied, but no longer form part of the parent to child ratio.

Children aged 10 years plus

In general, no accompaniment necessary. However, the management reserve, at its absolute discretion, the right to refuse admission to any unaccompanied child over 10 years if they are considered to pose a risk to themselves or other users.

Competent to Swim Test

The 'Competent to Swim' test can only be taken by children aged 4 years and over. It involves the following tasks, which are undertaken in the Shallow end of pool:

1. Swim 20 metres (2 widths of pool) using a recognised stroke
2. Tread water for 20 seconds

Swimming Lessons

Children under 10 must be accompanied by a suitable adult in the changing rooms.

Guardians of children over 10 should make an informed decision regarding supervision in the changing facilities.

It should be noted that the changing rooms remain open to Gym users while lessons are in train.

Child Admission Policy – Sauna Steam room

Children under 16 years are not permitted in the sauna or steam room.

Child Admission Policy – Changing room

We rely on the accompanying suitable adults to make an informed decision with regard to access to our changing facilities. We would appreciate that, where there is a potential conflict with other users then the suitable adult would approach a staff member for alternative changing facilities.