

Frequently asked questions for children attending swimming lessons

My child has only not achieved one or two of the objectives, can they not pass anyway, I really don't want them to have to do the whole of the same stage again?

We follow the Swim England national plan for teaching swimming. Details can be found on [the Swim England website](#). As a result, children are expected to complete all of the objectives before they move to the next stage.

However, we continuously assess those enrolled in lessons so your child will be able to move to the next stage once they have consistently shown they can achieve all the objectives (if this falls within the first six weeks of the next term this could even be as early as the first or second lesson).

My child's lesson has changed day/time, but we can't make it then, what can I do?

We try our best not to make changes but unfortunately sometimes we must move some lessons to manage demand and pool space.

If you can't make the new day/time, you can ask to be placed on the transfer list at reception and we will try our best to place you in a more suitable lesson slot after booking has closed.

My child doesn't seem to be progressing, why not?

There could be many reasons why your child may not be 'progressing'. Every child develops at different speeds so it may be that your child is progressing, just slower in this stage than others.

Although the Learn to Swim programme is split into stages, progression should not be perceived solely on whether the child is moving to the next stage. In lessons many skills are developed such as speed, agility, strength, awareness, confidence, social skills, water safety, understanding a teaching environment and more.

I don't feel like the swimming teacher is getting the most out of my child.

All of our teachers are qualified level 2 swimming teachers and work to the Swim England Learn to Swim Programme. However, all teachers have different styles which may compliment some children more than others. If you feel like your current teacher is not getting the most from your child you can request to change days/times at reception. We will try our best to help and ability to move is dependent on the space available.

How can I assist my child during the time they are learning to swim?

Swimming instructors encourage parents/guardians to take their children swimming during the time they are attending lessons to practise the skills they are being taught, if you would like information on the criteria of the stage they are learning please visit [the Swim England website](#) where you will find information on the skills they are working towards in each stage.

Please note - we know you may have more questions and would like to speak to your child's swimming teacher directly, this isn't a problem as long as they are not teaching a lesson. If you need to speak to someone and your teacher is not available, please ask at reception.