

## **DROPPING OFF & LATE COLLECTION POLICY**

Brackley Swimming Club is committed to a Club environment in which all children participating in its activities are not at risk as a result of their participation in a training session/competitive event.

### **Training sessions/Competitive Event:**

Brackley Swimming Club Parents/Carers and Swimmers should be aware that:

1. Swimmers are the responsibility of their parents/carers until they are handed over to the Club and remain the responsibility of the parent/carer until the coach has arrived poolside at a training session.
2. On completion of training sessions, swimmers return to their parent's responsibility once they leave poolside. Brackley Swimming Club cannot accept responsibility for swimmers at the end of training sessions. In the event of a swimmer completing their training session early, for any reason, they return to their parent's responsibility.

### **General (including Training/Competitive Event):**

Brackley Swimming Club Parents/Carers and Swimmers should be aware that:

1. The telephone numbers provided on the Brackley Swimming Club Membership Form will be used to contact the Parent/Carer of a swimmer, should there be no responsible adult on hand to collect the swimmer after a competitive event.
2. If the Parent/Carer of a swimmer is delayed, the parent/carer will be asked to give the appropriate Club Officer clear guidance on how Brackley Swimming Club will be required to proceed i.e. the parent must give consent if they wish another parent to transport their child home. Until a swimmer is collected, to maintain the wellbeing of all concerned, two appropriate Club Officers or Parents will remain with the swimmer.
3. Brackley Swimming Club Officers/Volunteers will only allow a young person to leave their care with a parent's permission. It is recognised that some young people will take themselves home so the club officer will assess situations as they arise and respond in an appropriate manner.
4. Parents/Carers who persistently fail to collect a swimmer on time or have not arrived after a reasonable period of time and have given no prior notice or informed the club they are delayed, may be failing in their care of their child.
5. If the nominated adult is not available to collect the Swimmer and the Parent has still not contacted Brackley Swimming Club Club Officers/Volunteers involved after a reasonable period of time, the Club Officers/Volunteers involved will refer to the Police or Local Authority Safeguarding Team Duty Officer for advice on the action to take.
6. If a Parent/Carer arrives to collect a swimmer and the Club Officers/Volunteers are concerned at their ability to take appropriate care of the child (e.g. they are considered to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the level where they are unfit to drive, and/or take care of their child) the Club will gain advice from the police or Local Authority Safeguarding Team Duty Officer.