

Q13. Can I swim while spotting?

A13. No. Also, if you have a child under 8 who is swimming, then you must ask another parent/carer to be responsible for your child during the session while you are spotting.

Q14. Can parents/carers leave the pool area while their children are swimming during out-of-school hours sessions?

A14. No, not if your child is in Foundation – Year 4 (inclusive). Children in Years 5 & 6 can swim unsupervised by a parent/carer but only with permission and if an emergency contact number is supplied.

Q15. Can my pre-school child use the pool?

A15. Yes, but a parent/carer must accompany them in the pool.

Q16. How do I know if the pool will be open for out-of-school hours sessions?

A16. There is a link on the school website to a calendar where spotters add their names when they are able to spot. If there are two names shown for a particular session then the pool will be open. We recommend the calendar is checked regularly as sometimes spotters can sign up on the day of the session if the weather is guaranteed to be fine. However, for after school sessions, sign-up sheets (located in reception) are used.

Q17. Can the pool be used for other activities?

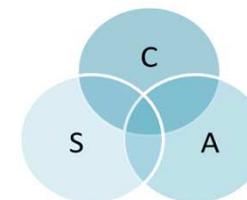
A17. Yes, you can hire the pool for private parties and during the summer holidays we ran a very popular and successful swimming crash course.

Q18. What is the alternative if the pool were to close permanently?

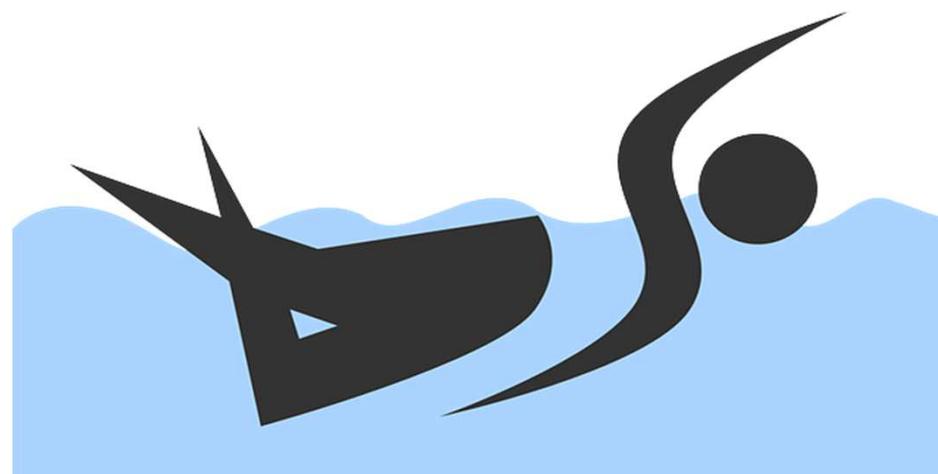
A18. The National Curriculum states that all schools should provide swimming lessons either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. Currently, all children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 receive lessons during the Summer Term. If the pool closed, the children would need to be transported to a local pool for lessons which would result in increased travel time and costs.

More questions? Any suggestions? Like to become a Lead Spotter?

Please contact your Pool Committee at thecolletonpool@hotmail.com



**All you ever wanted to know
about the Colleton School Pool
but were afraid to ask**



Q1. How big is the pool?

A1. The pool is 12m long, 7m wide and 0.9m deep (constant). It is open-air and heated.

Q2. When was the pool built and by who?

A2. The pool was built in 1975 by the CSA. In 2010, the pool required extensive renovation and £28,000 was raised by the CSA for this purpose.

Q3. When is the pool used and by who?

A3. The pool is used for curriculum swimming by all the children from Foundation to Year 6 throughout the Summer Term. Also, out-of-school hours/during holidays, the pool is available for use by Colleton families who pay the suggested donation for curriculum swimming.

Q4. How much does it cost to run and maintain the pool?

A4. In 2014 it cost £2,931 to run and maintain the pool; in 2015 it cost £3,742. This increased cost was mostly due to a required repair to the heat exchanger.

Q5. How is the pool funded?

A5. The pool is solely funded by the CSA, apart from the supply of the lovely new changing rooms which Wokingham Borough Council paid for as part of the recent school extension. Families are asked for a voluntary contribution for curriculum swimming which goes towards the ongoing running and maintenance costs of the pool. Payment of this voluntary donation will also allow Colleton families access to the out-of-school hours pool sessions. However, these contributions may not cover the total costs associated with running the pool.

Q6. Where does the additional money come from?

A6. If the voluntary contributions collected do not cover the full cost of running the pool, any shortfall has to come from other funds raised by the CSA.

Q7. So does all the CSA fundraising money go towards the pool?

A7. No. The CSA regularly funds items requested by the school for the benefit of the children, such as the large outdoor play equipment, cameras, gardening club equipment, sports equipment, etc. But if more voluntary contributions were collected, more money could be spent on these additional items.

Q8. What about future renovation of the pool?

A8. A contingency fund is being built up over time from the CSA fundraising to cover any large scale renovation that may be required in the future and will not be used for ongoing maintenance and running costs.

Q9. What is required to enable the pool to open out of school hours for the benefit of Colleton families?

A9. The pool can only open out-of-school hours if there are two spotters available to supervise the session. One of these spotters must hold a valid resuscitation certificate (Lead Spotter) and the other should be a competent swimmer (Assistant Spotter). So the more spotters we have, the more the pool can be open.

Q10. Who or what is a Lead Spotter?

A10. A Lead Spotter is an adult that holds a valid resuscitation certificate, which needs to be renewed every three years.

Q11. How can I become a Lead Spotter?

A11. You must attend a resuscitation course. The CSA run these courses. You may attend an external course but you must then provide a copy of your valid certificate to the CSA.

Q12. What are a spotter's responsibilities?

A12. The spotters are responsible for the safety of all swimmers. This involves watching the pool users to make sure that they are not in any difficulty and ensuring that their behaviour does not cause injury to themselves or other users.