



Safeguarding Statement

Wimbledon Dolphins Swimming Club is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our swimmers so that when they participate in club activities they can do so in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

To do this, we have implemented policies and procedures to safeguard the well-being of both children and adults. The club has adopted the Swim England 'Wavepower 2025v2 policies and procedures'. To view this, visit:

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>

Wimbledon Dolphins has a designated Welfare Officer, so if you do have any questions please get in touch with Peter Casey : wimbledondolphins.committee-member-welfare-secretary@clubs.swimmanager.co.uk

It is part of Peter's role to keep WDSC up to date with any changes in safeguarding and child protection procedures as highlighted by Swim England and ensure any recommendations made are integrated into the club policies.

Peter will be the first point of contact for club staff, volunteers, young people and parents, for any issue concerning child welfare, poor practice or potential / alleged abuse.

Swimming Club Safeguarding Policy Statement

Wimbledon Dolphins Swimming Club is committed to a club environment in which all children and young people participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

In order to achieve this the club agrees to:

1. Adopt and implement the Swim England Wavepower 2025 v2 policy in full.
2. Recognise that all children participating at Wimbledon Dolphins (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to enjoy their involvement in swimming in a safe environment and be protected from harm.
3. Recognise that abuse can be:
 - Physical: e.g. use of drugs or persistent training, which is beyond the capacity of the individual leading to physical harm
 - Emotional: e.g. where a coach or any member criticises a swimmer, uses sarcasm, name-calling and generally belittles a young person
 - Sexual; by suggestion or through conversation as well as physical. Other forms of abuse can be neglect, bullying and harassment.
4. Ensure that those individuals, who work with children in the Wimbledon Dolphins, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.

5. Appoint a Club Welfare Officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by Swim England who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the club.
6. Ensure that the Club Welfare Officers name and contact details are known to all staff, club members and parents of members.
7. The Welfare Officer to be available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with Wavepower 2025 v2.
8. Ensure all those persons who work with children in Wimbledon Dolphins have undertaken the appropriate training and relevant DBS checks and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower 2025.
9. Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in Wimbledon Dolphins have been recruited in accordance with the Swim England Safe Recruitment Policy.
10. Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the club have the appropriate training and codes of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower 2025.
11. Provide all club members and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare.
12. Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in Wavepower 2025.
13. Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately and in line with the best interests of the child.
14. Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.

Medical Attention

1. If an individual has a need for immediate medical attention, such as a severe allergic reaction, the club will call 999, inform parents, Welfare Officer and Club Chair.
Should the above be required, all involved will submit a report on the WDSC form and this will be reported to Swim England.

Club expectations of Members, Parents, Carers, Volunteers and Coaches

We have written our own policies and Codes of Conduct to ensure they are relevant to our members which include all Wavepower elements.

It is expected that all peoples noted above will have read all club policies and essentially and notified the club of any additional needs, medical requirements, allergies of a member, at the time of joining WDSC.

You will need to acknowledge receipt of Wavepower 2025 as well as Club policies.