

Learn to Swim Report for September 2017.

Learn to Swim attendance has dropped this month to 145. Although we have enrolled 18 new swimmers this term, we did lose 5 from swimmers not returning following Summer break, 2 swimmers leaving and 5 swimmers moving to D squad. We still have a few swimmers on the waiting list but need to re-shuffle groups in the lower end, where we can, to accommodate these newbies.

we have recently lost Lisanne, a Wednesday swim teacher for LTS, as she has now moved clubs. Although we have Matt, Jess & myself on Wednesday evenings, we have lost our floating teacher. Tree has kindly stepped forward to offer to cover when needed :) Many thanks Tree.

We experienced a drastic shortage of teacher cover recently so I enlisted the last minute help of an Active Lifestyle teacher, Sam Blackburn. I was on the verge of cancelling these Wednesday sessions as we had no teachers available from my list so appreciated Sam's help. Matt Swannell also deserves a mention as he covered all sessions for the Wednesday evening in question. I would also like to say a special thank you to Emma Dodd, Claire Kerlake & Simon Bratchel for teaching on Sunday evenings when our regular teachers are unable to teach.

Although I have been able to cover classes to date, it does prove difficult at times due to the voluntary status. I have gifted a few times but I cannot keep doing this so can it be discussed at the committee that, when in desperate circumstances and cover is not linked with club, that we can offer a nominal payment?

Another point to raise at the committee is the use of swim hats for all learn to swim swimmers now that Active Lifestyle have introduced compulsory hats for there swim groups. Plain black or yellow hats could be purchased by the LTS swimmers at a small cost (perhaps 50p above what we are charged for purchasing)?

With another meeting looming with ourselves & Active regarding the possible take over of our LTS, I feel its necessary to highlight that many of our enquiries are due to recommendations from swimmers already in the programme & the small class groups. I have attached an example of two emails recently received. They are not for public eyes as not asked permission from the senders.

Think that's it for now!!

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