

Swimming Data

Meeting National Curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety.
Priority should always be given to ensuring that pupils can perform safe self-rescue even if they do not fully meet the first two requirements of the National Curriculum programme of study

<u>Question</u>	<u>Stats:</u>	<u>Further context</u> <u>Relative to local challenges</u>
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort can swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres?	81%	From September 2024, we began using the "Pools to Schools" pop-up swimming pool initiative. This decision was made in response to the prohibitive costs associated with transporting children to external swimming facilities by bus. By bringing the pool to the school site, we are able to offer swimming opportunities to all pupils on roll, with a particular focus on Key Stage 2 and especially the older children. Our strategy is to repeat this initiative every two years, extending the duration each time to allow for deeper skill development and greater impact.

What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort can use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke]?	94%	This reflects the success of our revised swimming provision, which has increased access and engagement. Children are demonstrating greater technical proficiency in strokes such as front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke during lessons and short-distance assessments. However, despite this progress, a significant number of pupils are not yet able to sustain these strokes over the full 25-metre distance required by the national curriculum. This suggests that while technique is improving, endurance and stamina remain areas for development. To address this, our future strategy includes extending the duration of swimming provision during each cycle, allowing children more time to build the strength and confidence needed to meet the 25-metre benchmark.
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort are able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations?	52%	Given that swimming is a life-saving skill and a statutory requirement, this is a key area of concern. While our current provision has increased access and improved technique, many pupils still struggle to meet the 25-metre benchmark. As part of our future strategy, we will identify swimming as a priority within our catch-up rationale. This will include targeted support for pupils who have not yet met the expected standard, with the aim of closing the gap in swimming proficiency. We will implement structured catch-up swimming sessions to ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop both technique and endurance.

If your schools swimming data is below national expectation, you can choose to use the Primary PE and sport premium to provide additional top-up sessions for those pupils that did not meet National Curriculum requirements after the completion of core lessons. Have you done this?	No	Our data is significantly below the national average but has improved in all areas from last academic year. We have considered using our Sports Premium to provide top-up sessions but we simply do not have enough money there to do this. It would require a significant amount for travel and for staffing.
Have you provided CPD to improve the knowledge and confidence of staff to be able to teach swimming and water safety?	No	We buy into a package through Nottingham City Council, School Swimming Service. The package includes travel, pool hire and 6 qualified instructors for 12 sessions of 45 minutes. We are trusting in them to teach swimming and water safety to a high, confident standard.