

## Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Risk Assessment 16 March 2021

Swimming pools were closed in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the Government gave the go ahead to open indoor pools from the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2020. Swimming pools were closed again in a second Lockdown on November 5<sup>th</sup> for two weeks but were then closed again from January 2020. The Government and Swim England have now approved the reopening of indoor pools and swimming lessons for under-18s from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Barracuda Swimming runs swimming lessons at Prior Park College in Bath and the following is a Risk Assessment for the re-opening of lessons from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at that facility.

For the moment Swim England have advised that the restrictions and guidelines in place in November 2020 should remain for the time being. If updates or amendment to these guidelines are released we will update this Risk Assessment and release a new version to all parties.

This Risk Assessment is written to ensure the safety of our swimmers, our teachers, and all users of the pool and is based on the current government guidelines of 1-meter-plus social distancing, if the guidelines change after November 2020, we will re-issue this Risk Assessment.

We also acknowledge that at any time the government may choose to close pools again if the Covid-19 infection rates start to rise or there is another wave of the virus, at that point we would be obliged to stop operating until it is safe to do so.

The Covid-19 Lead Role for Barracuda Swimming is Kathy Lye, second is Gordon Lye

# Covid-19 Risk Assessment – Prior Park College pool

Name of Swim School:	Barracuda Swimming				
Date risk assessment carried out:	16/03/2021	Person:	Kathy Lye	Review date:	19 April 2021

What is the Hazard?	Who might be harmed	Risk rating before controls	Controls to be applied	Risk rating after controls	Actioned by
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus					

Household Tiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<p><a href="https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/coronavirus-faqs-answered/">https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/coronavirus-faqs-answered/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current social distancing government guidelines recommended.</li> <li>People may travel into any tier if it is necessary to enable disability sport, sport for educational purposes, or supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s to take place. <b><u>This would cover club sessions (for under 18s) and learn to swim sessions (for under 18s).</u></b></li> <li>Check for any updates to this guidance from Swim England and the Government.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Teachers Parent/Guardians
Carpark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current social distancing government guidelines recommended.</li> <li>Barracuda to remind teachers, parents and swimmers of current guidelines before the start of term.</li> <li>The number of visitors to the school should be kept to a minimum, therefore only one adult should accompany the swimmer to the pool.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Parent/Guardians
Facility entrance and hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current social distancing government guidelines recommended.</li> <li>All Barracuda Staff, parents and carers must bring a suitable face covering which can be used if social distance of 2 metres cannot maintained.</li> <li>All adults and children who are in Year 7 or above at school should wear a face covering to and from the car park and the pool and in the pool building. This can be removed once on poolside if able to get a keep a social distance of 2 metres, if at any point they are unable to maintain a 2-metre distance they should put on the face covering.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Parent/Guardians

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the child is old enough to be dropped off, the parent should 'drop &amp; go' and not leave the car to accompany the child.</li> <li>• Parents who stay on poolside should not move around the pool, except in an emergency, and should remain in one place for their session.</li> <li>• Everybody should maintain the current social distancing guidelines on entering the facility and during their time in the facility.</li> <li>• Parents/Carers to be responsible for keeping their child at a social distance wherever possible.</li> <li>• 15 minute gap between classes to allow previous session to leave and facilities to be cleaned.</li> <li>• Swimmers and parents line up outside on left-hand side (approaching the pool) until previous class have all left the pool.</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser to be used on entry, will be available in the hall.</li> <li>• Information given to parents and teachers of protocols.</li> <li>• To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice- <a href="https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus">https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</a></li> <li>• Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display</li> </ul>		
Changing rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimmers</li> <li>• Parents/Guardians</li> <li>• Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of lockers and changing rooms for teachers only, they should maintain social distancing.</li> <li>• Swimmers to arrive 'beach ready' in costume ready to swim. Swimmers will NOT use changing rooms due to the restricted space. Shoes to be left in the hall, clothes, towelling robe etc to be taken on poolside and left on a stall for dressing afterwards.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Parent/Guardians

Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toilets only to be used when absolutely necessary.</li> <li>Teachers to use toilets in changing rooms. Swimmers and parents to use the disabled toilet on ground floor. Sanitising wipes to be used to wipe down surfaces after use.</li> <li>Barracuda Covid-19 Lead Role to be informed if toilet is used, wipes will be provided for cleaning of the room on exit.</li> <li>If more than one swimmer needs the toilet, they may exceptionally use the changing rooms, but Barracuda Covid-19 Lead Role should be informed to facilitate cleaning.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Swimmers Parents/Guardians
Health screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barracuda Swimming Health Screen checklist, parents and teachers to review this checklist at the beginning of term and before every lesson and let Barracuda Swimming know of any changes before they come to the pool.</li> <li>All teachers, parents, and swimmers to check their temperature at home before they leave. If it is over 37.5 they should NOT come to the pool.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Swimmers Parents/Guardians
Someone becomes unwell during session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If parent is present, they must leave with their child as soon as possible. Barracuda Swimming will clean areas they have touched immediately.</li> <li>If parent is not on poolside isolate individual in disabled changing room in hall and wait for parent to collect at the end of the session. Sanitise this room after they have left</li> <li>Use appropriate PPE (face coverings).</li> <li>If a member of staff, swimmer or parent who has been at the pool has symptoms they should immediately arrange to be tested. They should not come back to the pool until they have received a negative test. Barracuda Swimming would inform Prior Park that someone at the pool was</li> </ul>	Low	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Swimmers Parents/Guardians

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Poolside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social distancing protocols to be followed at all times</li> <li>One way system, up the right-hand side from the entrance and down the left-hand side – arrowed signs.</li> <li>Where possible accompanying adult should not go on poolside. For younger children the parent may go on poolside but must wear a face covering and keep that covering on during the lesson unless a 2 metre gap can be maintained.</li> <li>A maximum of one adult per child in pool, no additional adults or children may attend.</li> <li>Teachers to be reminded at beginning of session of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it.</li> <li>Management checks to ensure this is adhered to.</li> <li>Teachers not required to wear face coverings as effectiveness reduced and there are associated risks if the covering gets wet.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Swimmers Parents/Guardians
During activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers and Parents reminded to keep to social distancing protocols.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum total number in pool is 24 swimmers, but we will reduce this number to maintain social distancing on poolside. Pool will have 3 'sections' max 6 swimmer per group, 18 in pool in total.</li> <li>Any swimmer needing to rest should hold onto the wall and face towards the wall.</li> <li>No teachers or assistants in the pool, each teacher will manage a maximum of 6 swimmers and teach from poolside.</li> <li>Swimmers in widths will start opposite each other and only briefly pass each other in the water.</li> <li>Beginners that need help in the pool can only be offered swimming lessons if parent also gets in the pool to support them. Parent must be careful to maintain social distancing from other swimmers and parents. The parent will count towards the number of 6 in the overall group.</li> <li>Lengths classes will be for a full hour to reduce traffic at pool and there will be a maximum of 6 swimmers per lane, where possible we will reduce this number to 5 per lane. Any swimmer that needs to rest should face the wall at one end of the pool.</li> </ul>		<p>Teachers Swimmers Parents/Guardians</p>
Hygiene measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers</li> <li>Parents/Guardians</li> <li>Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covid-19 Rules communicated to all members in advance.</li> <li>Swimmers, teachers and all on poolside to be reminded that if they have to wash their hands it should be for 20 seconds with water and soap, warm air hand dryers should not be used. They must inform a member of the Barracuda Team if they use the toilet facilities so that they can immediately be sanitised.</li> <li>Hand sanitiser to be provided by Barracuda Swimming.</li> </ul>	Medium	<p>Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Parents/Guardians</p>

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Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimmers</li> <li>• Parents/Guardians</li> <li>• Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use and sharing of equipment, for example Kickboards and Noodles, is prohibited.</li> <li>• Swimmers to bring their own equipment and take it home after each session.</li> <li>• No provision of floats, goggles or any equipment by Barracuda Swimming, due to the risk of cross contamination.</li> <li>• Teachers to be provided with a set of toys for younger swimmers, one toy per swimmer on day, toys to be taken home for sanitising before next session.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Parents/Guardians
Exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimmers</li> <li>• Parents/Guardians</li> <li>• Teachers</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One way system in place on poolside, enter on the right-hand side of pool and exit on the left-hand side (from entrance facing the pool), arrowed signs will be visible.</li> <li>• Swimmers and parents will wait on poolside socially distanced and will leave one at a time, through the hall, collect their shoes and leave immediately.</li> <li>• Swimmers and Parents to leave building as soon as possible at end of lesson, keeping a social distance from others and exit the door on the left-hand side of the path as you leave the building.</li> </ul>	Medium	Barracuda Swimming Covid-19 Lead Role Teachers Swimmers Parents/Guardians

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