

# Sedbergh School; SWIMMING POOL:

## Risk Management Procedure

1. **Acceptance, awareness and understanding of Pool Safety Operating Procedures (PSOP) and Emergency Action Plan (EAP).** Prior to completing a Swimming Pool Risk Assessment, the teacher is to ensure that he/she has read and is fully conversant with PSOP and the EAP.
2. **Determining the Risk.** To assist in the safe delivery of any swimming session PSOP contain certain parameters such as Instructor qualifications, Instructor/Lifeguard to swimmer ratios etc which, if followed accordingly, will help to reduce the risk of accidents. That said, just because an Instructor and/or Lifeguard is qualified, does not mean that accidents may not happen, and a risk assessment is essential to support safe swimming sessions. To determine the risk, Instructors and/or Lifeguards should:
  - A. Recognise if the activity taking place has additional dangers such as diving
  - B. Recognise that an additional person is required at pool side. This can be a responsible sixth former. They simply are there to raise the alarm.
  - C. Recognise the type of audience participating in the activity and thereby consider the effect of noise and unruly behaviour that could interfere with the control of the swimming pool.
  - D. Be aware of anything that may affect the safe evacuation of all swimmers from the swimming pool.
  - E. Be aware of the dangers of diving in the swimming pool, particularly at the shallow end.
  - F. Be aware of the dangers of swimmers colliding with the pool walls should they become disorientated during lengthy swims.
3. **Reducing the Risk.** Once any high risk is identified, regardless of the activity taking place then the activity **IS NOT TO TAKE PLACE**