



Braddan School

Show Respect - Learn Together - Try Your Best

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For further information, please see the IOM Policy and Guidelines for Primary School Swimming Online

The DESC swim teachers assess the stroke elements of all awards and monitor all awards to ensure similar standards are achieved and maintained at each swimming pool.

Children qualifying for awards receive a certificate at Braddan School's assembly

Who organises and delivers the swimming lessons?

The organisation and delivery of primary school swimming lessons on the Isle of Man is the responsibility of the Isle of Man Government's Department of Education, Sport & Culture (DESC) and is managed by Manx Sport & Recreation (MSR). Our Braddan School staff support the delivery of these lessons by accompanying the students to and from the swimming pool; ensuring adequate supervision of children whilst at the pool; assessing risk and aiding the swimming teacher with the delivery of the lessons. Our staff also retain the duty of care for our students.

The DESC swim teachers are suitably qualified (ASA Level 2 Training) and ensure the safe conduct of classes whilst in the water and on poolside. They plan and deliver lessons and water safety education which align to the established framework from Swim England, supporting Braddan Staff to deliver the specific programme of study that builds confidence, competence and safety awareness.

Lifeguard provision

Whenever there are students in the water, the pool provides RLSS qualified adults to supervise. They can affect a rescue from the water, carry out cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and carry out emergency procedures.

Illness

If a child is not well enough to swim, parents need to advise teachers of the reasons with a note. Alternative provision will be arranged. If kits are forgotten, a kit may be provided for use.

Verrucas

Learning swimming and verrucas can go hand in hand with children and adults alike. These warts on the feet have long been seen as a nuisance. The use of a waterproof plaster is sufficient to cover the verruca during lessons as long as the verruca has been treated.

Swimwear:

All swimmers require a swimming costume and towel. Boys must wear fitted trunks, not shorts and girls must wear a one piece. This is to minimise the effect of drag in the water and to enable teachers to see the movements that limbs and joints are making. All children with longer hair are required to wear swimming caps (school swimming caps are available for purchase from the office). Goggles are encouraged for those who have sensitivity to the water. Students must be able to adjust and remove these independently. Earrings and jewellery are not allowed in the pool area. Newly pierced earrings must be covered by a neoprene band.