



**Everton Park
November/December 09**

A three-year-old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a fifty-six dollar set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm
..-Bill Vaughn~

WHEN DO I FINISH SWIMMING LESSONS

**And
GO TO A SQUAD?**

We have a very good learn to swim program that allows you to finish lessons at any time you feel your child has reached the skill level that you require. But some children and their parents would like them to go on and join a squad, so that their stamina in the water can improve. At what point is your child ready to move on! Let's remember that they are moving out of our very protected environment to a squad where there could be 20 children or more in the squad, This can be very daunting for a child.

Our program will ensure that your child can swim 100 meters of each stroke very well without goggles and also teach them turns and dives if they continue right through our program. At this point your child is ready to move on.

When you decide, after consulting with your teacher, that they are ready to move on, then it would be a good idea to take them up to watch the squad that you are thinking about putting them in, so they are prepared for the different environment.

There are certain things that as a parent you need to watch for in the squad.

- The children are getting plenty of stroke correction within the squad this is very important as a child will adapt the way they swim to obtain swimming a distance and bad technique develops.
- That they are not set off on distances that are too great for them and their stroke is falling apart
- The coach insists they finish all the way into the wall
- When the swimmer pushes off from the wall the coach is encouraging them to be streamlined.
- ***The children are having fun***

The last thing that you want is your child to lose their love of swimming because they find it too hard. Most squads will direct you to the right swimming club for your child and this is a good time to let them join a club, as the children have fun at these and develop some lasting friendships

Please keep in mind we love to hear how the children are getting along when they join a squad so please lets us know how it goes.

Chris Shapland ©

Mobile Phone

The office now has a mobile phone the number is **0402174552**. If you wish you can now txt through if your child is going to miss a lesson, (please txt before 8.) please can you make sure that you put the child's name and time of lesson. You can also use it to request a makeup lesson. You just need to let us know the time frame that suits you e.g. 8-1pm, the name of your child and the time of their normal lesson. It would be best if you txt us the day you would like the lesson or the day before. We are hoping that this will reduce the amount of phone tag we play with you.

Change times 2010

If you have a child that needs a change of time for next year, please let us know so we can start moving them now. We have already moved many children in preparation but still have some to move. Please let the office know, it may be that at first you do not get a utopia but we can keep you on our change of time list until the perfect time becomes available.

MAKE UP LESSONS

To be eligible for a makeup lesson you need to advise us you will not be attending your normal lesson before **8.00am** on the morning of your normal lesson.

To get your make up lesson you need to phone us on the morning you can do a makeup lesson or the day before. If you get message bank please leave a message and we will phone or text you back with a time for your make up provided there is a time available. If there is not a time that day then please phone the next day you can make it.

Once you have booked a make-up lesson it cannot be cancelled. Make-up lessons only last for 3 months. We cannot guarantee that the make-up lessons will be with your child's normal instructor. This can be a good opportunity for your child to experience a different teacher in case they have to change times or if their teacher is away.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is very full again, please can you go through and see if anything is yours as it will all be donated to charity at Christmas.

Cancellations

Your booking is a permanent booking and we require one months notice if you wish to finish. Please could you also let us know in writing when your child is due to finish.

Christmas Holidays

The Swim School will be closed from the 20 December and will reopen on the 11th January.

PARKING

As you know parking spaces are at a premium at the swim school so in order to make the spaces go around we would appreciate it if extended family wish to watch the swimming lesson, then where possible we would appreciate everyone coming in the one car. We know how important it is for the parents and children to "catch up" but we ask if you could please go to a park or playground so we can have parking spaces for the next class. We are having an extra concrete area put in at Xmas to try and make the bottom car park more friendly to park in, we are hoping this will help.

Thank you for your loyalty

Sally & Emma

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CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

NAME: _____

**CHILDS
NAME:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____

MOBILE: _____