

FONSAP

Friends of Newdigate School & Pre-School



Please find below all the information you need to book and use the pool.

Pool Procedures

- The pool can be hired for private use by one eligible family plus they can bring a guest family with them (additional fee applies). **There can be a maximum of two households** for a normal family pool session.
- The pool will be hired out to:
 - Families of current and past Newdigate School children
 - Families of current and past Newdigate Pre-School children
 - School and Pre-School staff
 - Pool volunteers
 - Local friends & family of those eligible (listed above) will also be able to use the pool but must be recommended to us by an eligible user and their contact details must be registered with us. If you would like to recommend a pool user please complete a Recommend A Pool User form on www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool
- The pool costs £15 to hire for one hour plus an additional £5 if you bring another family (plus booking fees).
- **There will be no lifesaver or first aider on duty. Parents will be responsible for their children in the water at all times.**
- **Children, including teenagers, must not use the pool without an adult present.**
- Please wear swim hats to minimise hair clogging the filters.
- The changing rooms will be closed. Families should arrive ready to swim (ie costumes already on). Feel free to arrive wearing your dressing gown too!
- There will be no toilet facilities during termtime due to Covid safety. The toilets in the Annexe will be open during school holidays.
- Small inflatables and swim toys can be brought to the pool but must be clean, enjoyed sensibly and taken home at the end of the session.
- The cleaning of the pool ladder handrails will be required at the end of your session using a watering can of chlorinated water.
- Session times are strictly one hour long. Please do not arrive before your timeslot. Please exit the pool, dry off and close/lock the pool gate by the end of your session time. Please leave the school grounds immediately.
- FONS pool volunteers will be responsible for removing the pool cover at the start of the day and testing the water. Please use the net at the beginning of your session if there is debris in the water. If you have booked the final slot of the day, or no one has booked after you (please check the online booking system) please cover the pool. Instructions will be left at the pool.
- **POOL GATES MUST BE LOCKED AT THE END OF THE SESSION.** The playground gate must be left open to allow access to the next users.

Pool Sessions

Weekends / School Holidays:

- 10am to 11am
- 11.30 to 12.30pm
- 1pm to 2pm
- 2.30pm to 3.30pm
- 4pm to 5pm
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Term time weekdays:

- 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- 5pm to 6pm

Booking

Sessions will be booked on a first come first serve basis. To book a session please go to:

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewdigateschool

Or download the PTA Events app and use the code “friendsofnewdigateschool” and book via the app.

When booking a slot you will need to confirm that you (and your guest family if applicable) have read the pool rules (see below) and agree to following the guidance stated within them. Pool volunteers often pop down to the pool for maintenance reasons. **If you are observed breaking the rules you will not be allowed to hire the pool.**

There will be a small booking fee and online payment fee added before checkout. **Please check-out one session at a time** because if we need to refund a session for any reason, this can't be done if a bulk booking has been made. Refunds are usually only made due to thunder/lightening preventing swimming.

Parties

The pool can be hired for a larger group of children (maximum 10) eg for a birthday party or other social occasion. A group sessions costs £30 per hour of swimming time plus an additional £15 if you would like to use the Annexe (kitchen facilities) and/or the school field.

Access

On arrival at the pool gates you will need to use a code to open the lock. **Please read your booking confirmation email carefully as it will include the access code.** The code will be changed on a regular basis.

Emergency Contact

If there is a problem with the pool eg if a child has a toilet accident or if there is another problem with the water, please contact the school office if it is open. Alternatively, call Pippa Bennett on 07810 184717, Carole Chaplin on 07879635581 or Rachel & Gavin Lyndon on 01306 632876.

Please do come and use our wonderful pool. We are so lucky to have this facility!

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Newdigate Swimming Pool Rules

- 1. No swimmer should come to the pool if they have been in known exposure or contact with a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19 within the last 14 days or if they are showing any of the symptoms (high temperature, cough, difficulty breathing or anosmia – loss of taste or smell). Please inform school or pool organisers if they have any of the above symptoms after using the swimming pool.**
2. Only swimmers from one family who live together, plus one guest family, and who have pre-booked and paid for their session, should be on poolside at any one time.
3. The changing rooms and toilets are unavailable so swimmers should arrive pool ready, with their swimming costumes or trunks worn under their clothes, having used the toilet at home before leaving.
4. Please bring your own sanitiser with you and wash your hands before touching the combination padlock or any other surface. Before leaving the pool, use a watering can of chlorinated water to swill down all surfaces that you have touched, such as benches for clothing and towels, **including the pool ladder handrails**. Please leave the premises after your swim.
5. A parent or older sibling over the age of 18 years must accompany children and supervise their children at all times. Unaccompanied children are not allowed on the school site.
6. All swimmers to wear swimming hats to prevent filters from clogging up with hair.
7. **Parents to be vigilant at all times. Parents of non-swimmers are asked to be extra vigilant. There are no life savers or first aiders in attendance. Swimmers use the pool at their own risk.** Those with babies should bathe with them and must be responsible for their safety. Non-swimmers may not go beyond the white painted line in the shallow end.
8. Babies under 2 years and toddlers not toilet trained must wear swim nappies.
9. Swimmers on medication or with a medical condition, eg asthma, must keep their medication close by.
10. Small inflatables, floats and toys can be brought to the pool but should be clean and rinsed before use (due to risk of Weil's disease).
11. Food and drink must not be consumed within the pool area. **Smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted on the school site.**
12. **No running around, standing on the wall or jumping in or diving off the wall.** Access to the pool is only permitted through the footbath and steps. **(Please enter the water backwards down the steps).**
13. Children hold on to the handrails using their hands only as their arms can become stuck behind the handrail. They must not lean on them with their arms or particularly their elbows. Children must not use the handrails to climb out. Children must not put their hands in the skimmer inflow / filters.
14. No swimming if suffering with an infection or within 48 hours of sickness or diarrhoea. Verrucas must be covered by a latex sock.
15. If the pool is contaminated with faeces, vomit or a large amount of blood, leave the pool, remove any solid contamination with the net and contact the pool team as the pool will need to be closed for 24 hours.

16. If the blue rope is hanging down from the rolled up cover, please move it up on to the cover so there is no risk from the hanging rope.
17. Please leave the pool immediately if there is a storm (thunder and lightning) and only return to the water 30 minutes after the last thunder.
18. If closing the pool, please refer to the instructions attached to the pool gates.
19. Please lock the pool gates after your swim to prevent unauthorised use of the pool.
Please always leave the playground gates open otherwise the next swimmers can't access the pool.

Please note: Surrey County Council, its Officers and employees, governors and staff of Newdigate School, and FONSAP members cannot accept any liability for any loss or damage to property or injury to persons using the swimming pool.

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