



Latest on Reopening of Dolphins Swimming Pool as at 22nd July 2020

In a bid to control the spread of Coronavirus the Prime Minister ordered all leisure facilities to close on March 20th. As lockdown measures begin to ease in the UK, many of you are asking when will Dolphin Swim Schools reopen? Wimbledon College has confirmed that their pool will remain closed until September in line with the summer holidays. (Confirmation and updates to follow)

Although it has been confirmed by the government that July 25th will be the earliest possible reopening date for indoor pools " One size doesn't fit all "So although given the green light, it does not mean this will happen. Risk assessments are subject to meeting strict criteria. According to the World Health Organisation, the actual act of swimming itself is thought to be safe. Chlorine is thought to kill a variety of viruses including the Coronavirus, making the risk of contracting it in the water low. The Pool Water Treatment and Advisory Group (PWTAG) confirmed that COVID-19 would be inactivated with the levels of chlorine used in swimming pools.

However, Dolphins are unable to take the appropriate measures to avoid the spread of Covid -19 due to the size of the facility at The Centre. There is not the capacity to put in place the protective measures and comply with the recommendations from the governing body Swim England.

Currently soft play areas must remain closed, changing areas will be very limited. Children will be asked to come to lessons " pool ready, " shower at home, social distance in the water

(where not part of the same family). Dolphins provide a close contact service and work face to face for a sustained period. The considerations are that poolside teaching will be required wherever possible. Taking all this into account and having assessed if, how and could it work. We have decided that swimming activities are not safely viable to go ahead and should not be resumed at this stage. We will open once we feel we can safely adhere

to further government guidance changes. The safety and protection of everyone who work and use the Centre is our number one priority. In line with Wimbledon we will be back in the water in September, after the summer holidays.

Just to clarify

For those that paid for a course of lessons and Covid-19 put a halt on completion. A credit has been applied to your account. So rest assured as soon as we are back in the water we will endeavour to set some time aside for that wherever possible or make a deduction from the next course if deemed and agreed suitable.

For those that have not paid for the next course or want to book a course for either Mitcham and Wimbledon

Please email kym@dolphinswimschools.co.uk. Of course, at this stage we will never ask for money. All we ask is that you email your interest and a preliminary booking will be made now for both Wimbledon and Mitcham pools for September.

We will now be posting updates once a week, so please visit our website for the latest developments.

Thank you for being very understanding and patient. See you back in the water very soon.

From all the Team at Dolphins Swim School