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Dear Parent

## **RE: HEALTH & SAFETY OF CHILDREN UNDER 8**

The health and safety of children at GL1 is very important to us.

We would like to highlight a few child safety responsibilities for parents during lessons at the centre.

Please remember that GL1 is a public facility with open access to many areas by the general public.

## Please note the following for under 8-year-olds at the Centre.

The swimming teacher is responsible for the safety of the children within their lesson when they are in the swimming pool area. It is the parent/guardian or a representative of your child who is responsible for your child's safety if they leave the activity area, including toilet breaks. We, therefore, stipulate that a parent/guardian must be available and not leave the building when the lesson is in progress making them readily available to take the child to the toilet if required.

**NB:-** During the lesson, the following procedure is in place if a child wishes to visit the toilet during a class.

- For children under the age of 8 years, the Swim teacher will ask a member
  of staff to telephone reception. The receptionist will make an
  announcement asking parent to go to the pool to enable the child to be
  escorted to the toilet.
- For children over the age of 8 years, the child will ask the teacher is they can leave the pool and go to the toilet on their own.

We hope your child continues to enjoy their sporting activities at GL1.

Yours sincerely

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