

National Curriculum: Progression in Swimming

All schools must provide swimming instruction in either KS1 or KS2.

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively (e.g. front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
To enter to water safely To get out of water safely To be safe around the pool - including the changing rooms. To feel confident and safe in the water. Blow bubbles in the water Float with support.	Entering and exiting pool Jumping in safely Introduction of breaststroke Front and back paddle 5 meters - unaided 10 m kicking legs with aids and blowing bubbles	Focus on quality of stoke 15 m front crawl and back stroke 10 m breast stroke 25 m of learners choice Treading water 20 secs	Focus on developing quality of stroke and stamina Swim at least 25 m , develop quality of stroke. 50 m front crawl and back crawl 25 m breast stroke
Move forwards and backwards in the water with support. Kick legs in water - alternating action.	Attempt front crawl and back crawl arms Attempt breaststroke legs on back - with aids Star float Water safety Reach rescues		75 m of learners choice 25 m in shorts and t-shirt. Throwing rescue



Award 1	Award 2/3	Award 4/5	Award 6/7
1. Answer 2 water safety questions	1. Swim 5 metres on front, roll	1.Swim 15 metres front crawl	1. Swim 25 metres front crawl
2. Enter the pool safely, steps, ramp,	and swim 5 metres on back without aids	2. Swim 15 metres back crawl	2. Swim 25 metres back crawl
swivel	2. Perform 10 metres of kicking	3. Swim 10 metres breaststroke	3. Swim 15 metres breaststroke
3. Move 3 metres in the water by, walking, jumping, hopping or holding	legs on front with aids, whilst blowing bubbles	4. Scull head first or feet first for 5 metres	4. Perform a forward or backwards somersault
side	3. Attempt breaststroke legs on	5. Attempt butterfly arms	 Jump in, tread water for 45 seconds, swim back to point of entry and exit
4. Jump up and down in the water, holding the side if required	back with aids	6. Perform a head or feet first surface dive.	6. Swim 5 metres butterfly
5. Using aids perform an alternating	4. Whilst standing attempt front	7. Swim 25 metres of learners choice (must be a recognised stroke and without aids)	7. Perform the HELP position
leg action	crawl arms	8. Jump in, tread water for 20 seconds, swim 5	8. Perform a straddle entry into the pool
6. Blow bubbles in the water	5. Whilst standing attempt back crawl arms	metres, turn around and swim back to point of	
7. Float with support and return to a standing position	6. Perform a star float on front or back and hold for 5 seconds	entry and climb out	
8. Exit pool safely and unassisted	7. Jump in with assistance if		
	required		
	8. Perform a reach rescue		

