

## Aveton Gifford Pool Terms & Conditions 2022

**Please read these rules and the mandatory safety conditions below. You are asked to sign and agree to abide by them.** All of this is necessary for the parish council to be able to run the pool safely and for all the members to be able to use it safely and above all to enjoy their swims there.

The **parish council does reserve the right to withdraw any membership where there has been a serious safety or behaviour breach**, the Keyholder would be asked to return their key immediately with no refund of fees, and all members of the Keyholder's household will be unable to use the pool for the remainder of the season.

### Membership conditions

- You can only sign up as a household Keyholder/Community Pool Member if you live in the parish (a full time resident), or have children at the primary or pre-school.
- You can only sign up for single person membership as a single adult, (this membership isn't a single parent family membership).
- **Adult to child ratios must always be adhered to when using the pool.**
  - All children under 18 must be accompanied by a Community Pool Member (someone who has done the approved resuscitation course).
  - For children under 8 years of age there must be one adult over 18 at or in the pool for every two children.
- Family membership covers **the Keyholder's household members, and a possible additional community pool member.**
- However up to 4 guests will be allowed **as long as at least one is an adult to cover** adult to child safeguarding.
- For obvious safety reasons **you must not lend your key to anyone else.** Accidents do happen, and they will not have gone through the appropriate resuscitation training. This could invalidate your membership.
- The Keyholder or second household CP Member must be present at the pool whilst his/her household is at the pool. This person must **please sign the register in the First Aid room on each visit** to the pool. ( We need this info to count the numbers for pool use in order to set the automatic doser and filtration.)

### Pool rules

- **No food and drinks (apart from bottled water only)** are permitted in any part of the pool area. (Not even crisps or sweets please – we want no mice, and particularly no rats to be attracted by crumbs, wrappers, or the remnants of a picnic, and rat wee is a particular health hazard)
- Please will all swimmers wear appropriate swimwear, in particular swim nappies for very young children.
- Swimming aids such as arm rings are permitted, but not the use of air beds (lilos), fins, snorkels.

- The pool cover must be replaced over the water when you leave the pool if no one else is present, regardless of time of day, because this keeps the water temperature constant.

### Necessary requirements as part of our arrangement with the school

- **Covid hygiene is still required this year** – the school would like this to continue this summer, so can you please bring your own supply of hand gel and/or wipes. Wipes can easily block pool filters, so please make sure you take used ones home with you.
- Our arrangement with the school specifies that **nobody may use the school playground, play equipment, or adventure area**, or enter any other part of the school premises.
- We have been asked not to use any of their floats and other pool equipment used during teaching sessions, as this has been damaged in the past.
- **The pool gate must be locked on leaving the pool** – for obvious safety reasons, but also as part of our agreement with the school.
- **No pets** are allowed into any of the school grounds or in pool area.

### Code of conduct for all users

- For consideration of other users, and for the volunteers who daily maintain the pool for your use, please keep the pool and pool side clean and tidy, and **please take all your belongings including litter** (especially wipes which can blow into the pool and block filters) **with you when leaving**. Our volunteers frequently have to clear up, usually litter and clothing, but, on infrequent occasions, even dirty nappies and sick. (A mop, and bucket are kept in the first aid room if needed). If we find we have to employ a regular cleaner, unfortunately, this would mean that the membership fee would have to go up to pay for it.
- PLEASE NOTE – Please use the pool with consideration for everyone else. Continually excessively noisy play, or rowdy and antisocial behaviour and language spoils the enjoyment for other users, and it's very unpleasant for neighbours, particularly if they hear it day after day – nobody minds the normal noise of fun from the pool, but we don't want to have to limit its use at all because the noise level or language has become unacceptable, so for the sake of other more considerate users, your membership will have to be terminated.

### Mandatory safety conditions for all users

1. The pool may only be used out of school hours during the published hours (times may vary, so check with the website):
2. The gate to the pool area must be locked by the last members to use the pool.
3. This pool is not life guarded. Users are responsible for the safety of their own household group (See 4 below)

4. All children under 18 must be accompanied by a Community Pool Member. For children under 8 years of age there must be one adult over 18 at or in the pool for every two children. **Adult to child ratio also applies to member's guests.**

5. A rescue pole is kept on the wall of the changing room.

6. The Community Pool Member must have a mobile phone with them whilst at the pool.

7. No more than 15 people should be in the water at any one time.

8. No person should use the pool on their own in case of accidents.

9. Alcohol and smoking is not permitted at the pool and no inebriated person may use the pool – for obvious safety reasons.

10. Diving or jumping into the pool, and running alongside the pool are all prohibited, again for safety reasons.