



LINCOLN VULCANS SWIMMING CLUB

Transport Policy

This advice should be read in conjunction with the NSPCC Child protection in sport unit document “safe sport events, activities and competitions” (2013)

The club policy relating to transporting children in connection with all Swim England activities.

- The Parents and Carers are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their child to any training or competitive event, except when the club have organised transport in respect of the team.
- **It is not the responsibility of the coach or other poolside staff to transport, or arrange transport for swimmers to and from any swimming event. Arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other club members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.**
- Swim England recognises that some children are capable of taking themselves home alone. Each situation should be assessed as they arise in an appropriate manner, and parental consent must be given. When considering if it is appropriate for a child to take themselves home on their own several factors should be considered by the parent/guardian and the organisation, for example how far they have to travel, are there any busy roads or unlit/dangerous routes.
- The NSPCC provide useful guidance around assessing if a child is ready to do this which can be found at learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone/
- When transport is provided by the club in the form of a mini bus or coach, the club should ensure consent is obtained by the parent or carer for the child to be transported by coach and a Medical Consent to Emergency Treatment form obtained.

The club will provide parents and carers written details of:

- Where swimmers should be dropped off and met before and after the event.
- The expected time of arrival at the collection point and the expected time of arrival back.
- A contact phone number for parents to use if they are unavoidably delayed in collecting swimmers or to arrange suitable alternative plans for collection.



The Team Manager will ensure they have:

- Relevant forms completed and signed by parents.
- Details of the parents contact phone number on that evening if it differs from the numbers held by the club.
- The Club Late Collection of Swimmers Policy.

Coaches and club officer's unrelated to a swimmer under 18 years should not transport swimmers alone in a car or other transport except where to fail to do so would cause the child to be placed at risk of harm. In such an emergency situation a child has to be transported without a relative present two suitably DBS checked adults should be present and the child should always be placed in the back seat with the adults in the front. If possible, parental/carer consent should be obtained in advance.