



HUNDON AND THURLOW PRIMARY FEDERATION

Laying the foundations for a bright future



SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

The National Curriculum states that children should be competent swimmers by the time they leave Year 6 with the programme of study for PE stating pupils should be taught to:

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

Hundon and Thurlow Primary Federation considers swimming and water safety to be important life skills which can benefit pupils' personal development as well as support and contribute to a healthy and active lifestyle. Therefore, we choose to provide an enhanced 'offer' for PE with for swimming in the summer and into the autumn term, depending on the weather, with our youngest pupils (in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) to support their water confidence and water safety through access our pool located at Thurlow.

Pupils then progress, undertaking swimming lessons at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre in Haverhill from Year 3, each Spring Term, to make the best use of the skills and confidence developed 'in house' in both Reception and Key Stage 1. As a result of our approach many pupils achieve the 'expected standard' earlier than Year 6 and choose to pursue swimming beyond school joining local clubs.

RESULTS 2024 - 18 pupils in Year 6 across both schools

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY	% achieving standard by the end of Year 6	Pupils achieving standard in Year 5 or lower
What percentage of your Year 6 pupils could swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres when they left your primary school at the end of last academic year?	83% (15 pupils)	23 pupils
What percentage of your Year 6 pupils could use a range of strokes effectively e.g. front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke, when they left your primary school at the end of last academic year?	77% (14 pupils)	18 pupils
What percentage of your Year 6 pupils could perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations when they left your primary school at the end of last academic year?	66% (12 pupils)	15 pupils
Schools can choose to use the primary PE and sport premium to provide additional provision for swimming but this must be for activity over and above the national curriculum requirements. Have you used it in this way?	YES	