



## BNSC Transport Policy

Bristol North Swimming Club (BNSC) is committed to providing a nurturing, friendly and safe environment for all of our members, parents/carers, and volunteers who wish to participate in swimming.

To achieve this, we have established a set of policies and procedures which include this document. Our full set of policies and procedures with which all our members, parents/carers, and volunteers are expected to comply, are available on our website.

Our policies and procedures are founded on Swim England's Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, known as **Wavepower**. Links to Wavepower can be also be found on our website.

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 members to and/or from any training session, event or gala.

Arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.

When transport is provided by BNSC e.g. by minibus or coach, the club will take reasonable measures to ensure that:

- the driver has been DBS checked.
- Only transport with seat belts and adequate seats for all passengers is used
- that consent is obtained by each parent or carer.
- that contact details for the parents/carer are confirmed.

Further, the club will ensure that parents and carers are provided with written details of:

- The type of transport being provided, e.g. coach, minibus, etc.
- The departure time and the expected time of arrival back.
- The venue for members to meet the coach, and if different, the venue from which they can be collected upon their return.
- The contact number of a nominated officer at the event for emergency use only.

Swimmers are reminded of their commitment to the BNSC Code of Conduct for Swimmers, which includes details of expected behaviour on transport provided by the club.



Coaches and officers will not transport children alone either in their car or any other transport except in true emergencies. In these situations the child's welfare must be paramount where failure to act may place them at risk of harm. It is recommended that two adults with DBS checks accompany the child with the child seated in the back seat.

Some older children are capable of taking themselves home alone. This will need to be assessed in each situation. Parental consent is needed.

The NSPCC has guidance around this; [learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone/](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone/).

### Other related policies:

BNSC Missing child policy 2022

BNSC Late collection policy 2022

Code of conduct for swimmers 2022

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