

RUNNYMEDE SWIM SCHOOL
(In Association with Runnymede Swimming Club)
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AGM REPORT 2019/2021

What a strange couple of years to report on.

Back in September 2019 we learnt that the swim school, who were looking to take over the running and refurbishment of the Appleton school pool, pulled out after a year of investigations. This meant that the race was on to work with the school to ensure funding was obtained from Sport England. Following a long and difficult time with so many hurdles to jump over and hoops to go through we finally got there but sadly Covid interrupted our plans and even more challenges followed.

During the past 2 years, since our last AGM report, the Swim School has continued to offer lessons albeit at a reduced capacity at Runnymede pool and the Basildon Lower Academy. The Appleton pool finally opened in April 2021 however, due to covid the Basildon Academy closed their pool, but our fingers are crossed for it to reopen for September 2021.

Runnymede Swim school did give financial assistance to The Appleton school which was taken in lieu of pool hire charges.

Due to covid our class numbers are greatly reduced however all children's sessions are running at full capacity with an ever-growing waiting list for September 2021, when we hope to be able to increase our learners.

Fortunately, our accounts for 2019-2020 were fair and we were able to transfer to the club the sum of £6739.00 sadly this wasn't the case for 2020-2021 whilst we were able to keep most of our learners swimming, covid had a massive impact and sadly we suffered a loss of £3028.00

On a brighter note, with the Appleton school pool up and running and Swim England/ Government giving the green light for lessons to commence we are now making excellent progress.

It would not be possible for me to run the swim school without the continued loyalty of all our Teachers, Lifeguards and Pool Helpers and my sincere thanks goes to every one of them. I am truly grateful to them for their support as we move forward into the autumn term.

Finally, I would like to thank Tony Winmill for his continued help and support with the Swim School and the accounts.

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Swim School Manager