

# SWIMMING POOL RULES & PROCEDURES

## GLADSTONE SCHOOL

### 2020/2021 SEASON



**100 POOL KEYS** have now been issued via a ballot system. We apologise to those families who have missed out in the ballot.

For those who have had a key issued, please note:

- (1) That having the swimming pool available to you is a privilege. Only a small minority of schools are continuing to offer the use of their pools outside school hours because of the costs involved.
- (2) Because it is for your use outside school hours, we need your input to make it work. We do not have any staff supervision; it is over to you, hence the rules below are for all to follow.
- (3) Where applicable, you may need to be assertive and speak to others – children and/or adults - to remind them of the rules if they are not being followed.
- (4) We are a large school and the pool is primarily for children who currently attend Gladstone School.
- (5) Pool keys are restricted in number to keep within the Auckland City rules & regulations.
- (6) Do NOT share your key with other people. If you lose your key we cannot replace it due to the fact it is a special security cut key, and has a unique number on it. Consider putting it on your car key ring to keep it safe, or on a lanyard.

#### **RULES AT GLADSTONE SCHOOL**

- **Supervision:** YOU need to supervise your children 100% of the time, *there are no lifeguards*.
- **Locking the entrance gate:** Enter the gate and immediately lock it behind you. Please remember! This will prevent unsupervised children from entering and will keep everybody safe. It would help if you would glance at those arriving to make sure they remember to lock the gate after them! Be proactive if necessary – we are relying on all parents to make this work.
- **Ratio:** A ratio of one adult to **FOUR children please**. While the key is for the use of your immediate family only, you may bring a friend on the odd occasion. On this occasion bring an additional adult if you exceed the 1:4 ratio. This is a safety requirement. If there are too many children with you, you may be asked to leave the pool. This is not negotiable. Children who currently attend Gladstone have priority over everybody else on the busy days to prevent overcrowding.
- **Time of Usage:** You may use the pool after 3pm on school days, and during daylight hours in the weekends and holidays. The gate will be locked if there is a code brown, or chemical imbalance.
- **Your Own Key:** To enter the pool enclosure a family **must have their own key**, and an adult must be with the children. Sometimes children arrive ahead of their parents – they must wait outside otherwise they are not under the supervision of an adult inside the pool enclosure.

- **Eating:** We discourage eating in the pool enclosure and are not providing rubbish bins, nor staff to clean up after you. Be responsible for you and your family at the pool and the changing sheds.
- **Rubbish** – if you have any rubbish (including nappies) - please take home with you!
- **Toilets:** The same applies as above. During the holidays, toilets will be cleaned only *once per day*. If you are *supervising your children* there won't be a chance for them to become "unpleasant". Over to you to do your part as parents. Please be conscientious and check.
- **Changing Sheds:** If you are the last to leave at the end of the day, the **doors to the changing sheds** need to be locked too. This prevents vandalism. The pool key is also used for these doors. If you are inside the pool changing sheds you do not need a key to get out as there is an internal snib.
- **Lost property:** If you are responsible for your children, there should be no lost property left behind – check each time. Sometimes belongings get dropped and children may be forgetful but adults should be supervising. We don't want our pool area a tip please. Over to you and your vigilance.
- **Teenagers and Others:** We **discourage teenagers** from using the pool – it is mostly too shallow for them and they can be intimidating to the primary school children. The bigger children are usually the ones who jump into the pool, set a bad example and disrupt the young ones. This is a safety issue. Remember, children who currently attend Gladstone School have first priority, not siblings or friends. On a busy hot day there may not be room for older siblings or friends.
- **Rules of Conduct:**
  - No disorderly behaviour**
  - No jumping or bombing**
  - No running**
  - No alcohol**
  - No food in pool enclosure**
  - No dogs or other animals in pool enclosure**
- **Keys will be confiscated** for misbehaviour or breaking the rules. No refunds.
- **Return of Key: Mark on your calendar/diary to RETURN THE KEY immediately after Easter, before the end of term. The dates are 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.** The end of term is the following week. The pool WILL close at the end of term one 2021, irrespective of weather. The budget for purchasing chemicals etc will be depleted by that time.

### Christmas Holidays

The school staff will be finishing on Tuesday 22 December and returning Monday 18 January 2021. During this time the pool will be vacuumed every few days and the water tested and toilets cleaned daily. We apologise in advance if the pool is being groomed when you arrive and you are inconvenienced. This is beyond our control. Should you find the gate padlocked it will be for a very good reason. Please be patient. If the pool has to be closed for more than 24 hours we will endeavour to put a notice on the School App.

*Should an emergency arise please contact either the Property Manager 027 248 4363, or the Principal 021 216 1877.*

### Board of Trustees

The pool key is issued to the key holder on the understanding that the Board of Trustees and school staff *shall not be liable or responsible* for any accident, loss, injury or death arising from the use of the swimming pool, surrounding facilities or school grounds. The user, in accepting the key offer by signing the Rules, indemnifies the School Board of Trustees and staff of all claims, demands, costs and proceedings that might be made against them, arising out of, or in connection with the use of all school facilities, including the swimming pool.

*Judith Howe, Executive Officer*



