



## Welcome letter to parents on joining the club



Dear Parent,

The club welcomes you and your child(ren) to the Colne Amateur swimming club. We hope your child(ren) will enjoy the experience of being a club member including the training, competitions and the social interaction with all our members. This letter is aimed at giving you information that may be of assistance to you as new members. Please do ask me, the club Welfare Officer or any committee member or coach if you have other questions not covered in this letter.

Firstly who runs the club? A full list of the club officer, committee members and coaches can be found on the notice board. Below is a list of some of those officers for your information.

Club Chairman Philip Croxall	chairman@colne-asc.co.uk
Club Secretary Joan Croxall	secretary@colne-asc.co.uk
Club Welfare Officer Cherry Wilkinson and Chief Coach Andrew Croxall	Tim Redfern
Parent liaison Officer Cherry Wilkinson	

We are a swim21 club and follow the guidance in Wavepower for child safeguarding, the ASA Code of Ethics and Codes of Conduct.

While we hope your child will be happy and content at the club sometimes questions, concerns or issues may arise.

If you have a question regarding coaching you should in the first instance approach your child's coach. Do so at a time convenient to you both and please do not go on poolside and interrupt training sessions.

If you have a question or concern regarding child welfare the club welfare officer should be informed. Alternatively there is a dedicated helpline for anyone wishing to raise a safeguarding or welfare concern directly to the ASA called Swimline - a Swimline poster with contact details can be found on the club notice board.

Our club is committed to providing good child safeguarding practice for all our young members and we have adopted the ASA Safeguarding Policy - Wavepower a copy of which is held by secretary or can be viewed and downloaded from [www.swimming.org](http://www.swimming.org). Our club is one where we accept that good safeguarding and fair play is paramount for all our young members.

Your child(ren) have already assessed as to what level they are currently achieving to place them in the appropriate training lane and competition level, which is outlined below with other helpful information.





(Please provide details of the information below)

- Team coaches list.
- Details of training times.
- Details of competitions.
- Details of the decision making and procedure by which any parent can question the decision i.e. they should approach the coach/team manager or whoever in the first instance.

The Colne Amateur swimming club are always looking for parental help to run the club. You may offer to help or a member of the committee may approach you to see if you are able to assist. We are predominantly / totally a voluntary run club and appreciate all the help parents can give us, however small.

Lastly we have a parent's code of conduct, which goes alongside similar codes for the coaches, officers and swimmers. You will be asked to read and sign the parent's code of conduct and countersign that of your child / children.

And finally we hope you and your child / children enjoy being a member of the Colne Amateur Swimming Club.

Kind regards

Cherry Wilkinson

#### **Club Welfare Officer**

Useful websites for parents, children and young people:

1. Kidscape - have a helpline and downloadable leaflets on what to do if your child is being bullied. The ASA have formed a relationship with Kidscape and can when required refer swimmers who have been bullied to attend the WIZ course in London. [www.Kidscape.org.uk](http://www.Kidscape.org.uk)

2. NSPCC - Help for adults Worried about a child? Call the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline on 0800 800 5000.

3. Childline - Help for children and teenagers. Need advice or just want to talk? Call ChildLine 0800 1111. Calls are free and confidential.

4. [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk) - Help keep your child safe in sport. A child protection leaflet for parents. Downloadable or your club Welfare Officer will have a copy.

5. Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) - Call 0116 234 7278. CPSU have useful downloadable documents at [www.cpsu.org.uk](http://www.cpsu.org.uk) including:

- Club safety list for parents.
- Protecting your child by listening.
- How you can help make sport safe.

