



Useful Information for Swimming Pools

Archbishop Ilesley Catholic Technology College & Sixth Form Centre, Victoria Rd, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY.

The atmosphere on Sundays at this pool is lovely and peaceful which is ideal for all our swimmers who attend. The pool is an ideal teaching pool for any level of ability of swimmer, being 17m long with a deep end of 2.3m. Separate male/female changing rooms are provided with shower facilities and there is some seating within the swimming pool area for parents/guardians to use. There is ample car parking space at the back of the college where the swimming pool is situated; these spaces do not require payment.

To access the car park – turn directly at the side of:

Jeffries Hardware Gifts and Gardening, 35-39 Shirley Road, Acocks Green, B27 7XU.

Once in the college's car park, to get to the swimming pool – please enter the double doors in the building facing you towards the left, turn left and once you go through a set of doors you are within the corridor with the swimming pool on your left, and the changing rooms either side of the pool.

Please be prepared to look after your belongings or leave them unattended within the changing rooms. For hygiene reasons, please understand we cannot bring pushchairs onto poolside and we need to wear shoe covers if coming onto poolside wearing shoes. For hygiene reasons all our swimmers have to wear swimming caps at this pool, and please do not use talcum powder whilst in the building.

Langley Primary School, St. Bernards Rd, Olton, Solihull, B92 7DJ.

This pool is wonderfully warm (often feels like a big bath) and is ideally suited to beginner and improver swimmers of any age. It is 0.8m deep throughout and about 12m long. When teaching at this pool, we have the whole swimming pool building and pool, meaning that the atmosphere is exactly what you would want for your child's swimming lesson – lovely and totally focused on swimming and learning.

Langley Primary School is located on St. Bernard's Road – the same turning as the Robin Hood Golf Club. It is the opposite side and slightly further up the road than the Olton Friary.

The swimming pool building has a couple of steps down to it from the building's front and pushchair/ wheelchair access at the back of the building.

Three large changing areas are provided and there is plenty of seating for parents/guardians to use. There is ample car parking space within the school's grounds for after school swimmers; you do not have to pay for parking and we are able to park on both the car park itself and also on the playground once all the school's pupils have left the playground. For hygiene reasons all our swimmers have to wear swimming caps at this pool, and please do not use talcum powder whilst in the building.

Merstone School, Winward Way, Smith's Wood, Solihull, B36 0UE.

This pool is only a few years old so the facilities are to a very high standard. As it is a special needs school, the pool is warmer than some mainstream pools so it is ideally suited for very young babies and toddlers, Aqua Mums (Pregnancy Water Yoga), beginner and improver

swimmers of any age. When at this pool, we have the whole of the swimming pool facilities meaning there is an ambient and peaceful atmosphere for our lessons. The pool is 8m long and has a depth of 1m to 1.3m at the deep end. Seating is provided within the pool area as are changing areas and shower facilities.

Merstone School is located on the same campus as Forest Oak School and Smiths Wood Sports College. There is ample parking within their large shared car park. Please remember to sign your name at the school's front reception and you will be shown the swimming pool area and facilities. For hygiene reasons, please understand we cannot bring pushchairs into Merstone School and we need to remove our shoes and leave them on the little shoe rack just outside the pool area.

Village Hotel Solihull, The Green Business Park, Dog Kennel Lane, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4GW.

This is one of the newest Village hotels and has fantastic facilities including: Velocity Health and Fitness Club with a gorgeous swimming pool and state of the art equipment, Verve grill restaurant, Victory pub kitchen, and Starbucks™ Coffee House.

The Village Hotel Solihull is located just behind the Birmingham Audi showroom, near to the large shop Porcelanosa. There is ample car parking space in front of the Village Hotel Solihull; all of these spaces do not require payment.

Once in Velocity Health and Fitness Club, there are ladies, family, and also men's changing rooms; both the family and ladies are on your left, and the men's is on your right by the stairs. If you are going to use the family changing room – please understand that this also has wheelchair access so for able bodied persons please only use the higher lockers as these cannot be reached easily by people using wheelchairs. Please remember for health and safety reasons to sign your name at the health & fitness reception desk when entering and upon exiting and also to return any plastic locker cards at this time.

To use the locker card, please pop it holes facing down into the locker door to release the key; this key can be kept safe on poolside with a parent/ guardian or, if you are swimming – attached to your swimming costume. For hygiene reasons, please understand we cannot bring pushchairs into Velocity Health and Fitness Club, and we need to wear shoe covers if coming onto poolside wearing shoes. It is preferable that our swimmers wear swimming caps at this pool but not a requirement necessarily (so if you or your child doesn't wish to wear their cap at this pool – please don't worry).

Parents/ guardians are able to watch their swimmers from poolside sitting on the wooden seating or behind the glass screened area on the comfy seating provided.

Please remember that only adult/child members of Village Hotel Solihull are able to come into the pool before/ after their lessons. For all the rest of our swimmers, they need to exit the pool once their lesson has finished.

For more information, visit their website: <http://www.village-hotels.co.uk/hotels/solihull>

There must be an adult to accompany every child/children and you are responsible for your own belongings whilst on the venue's premises. We need to respect the pools and their staff; please remove any shoes or wear shoe covers before going onto poolside, and swimmers need to wear their swimming caps at the specific venues outlined above. We hope you enjoy swimming with Make A Splash Swim School and welcome your feedback and comments.

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