



4 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

The PTA would like to invite you to join the 2022 Pool Club, the application process is open from Friday 4th March 2022. The deadline for applications is Thursday 24th March or when 85 applications (and accompanying payments) have been received. If you wish to join you must complete the online application form and submit the payment (select Pool reward) via Crowdfunder. Pool Club enables Aldryngton families to make use of the school's outdoor heated swimming pool after school and during the holidays (weekdays), but not weekends. The PTA Pool Club has proven to be a real asset to the Aldryngton Community, providing not just swimming but also a social focus for both children and parents.

This year's Pool Club season is planned to start on Monday 25th April and runs through to Friday 30th September. Only Aldryngton children who are Pool Club members are allowed to use the Pool Club, so make sure your children don't miss out!

As mentioned above, unfortunately the pool will no longer open at weekends only weekdays, during term and holiday time. This is for safety reasons. We are very grateful to the chemical team for assisting the Site Controller in previous years, but for their safety and the bathers, it has been decided that the Site Controller will have sole responsibility for the chemicals and equipment in the boiler room. Pool chemical companies were contacted to see if they could assist in the chemical checks at weekends, but unfortunately this was not possible, due to substantial financial costs incurred.

We have secured a significantly longer period for the pool to remain open, from Monday 25th April until Friday 30th September and extended opening hours during the week, allowing the pool to be open for more than 100 extra hours this year, compared with pre-Covid years.

Pool Club opening times – Term Time:

Monday to Thursday - 3:30pm to 8:00pm (Rota = 3:30pm-5:30pm, Non-Rota = 5:30-8:00pm)

Friday - 3:30pm to 5:30pm (Rota = 3:30pm-5:30pm)

Inset Days – 9:00am – 5:00pm (Non-Rota = 9:00am-2:00pm, Rota = 2:00-5:00pm)

Weekends + Bank holidays – Closed

Pool Club opening times – Holiday Time:

Monday to Thursday – 2:00pm to 8:00pm (Rota = 2:00pm-5:00pm, Non-Rota=5:00-8:00pm)

Friday - 2:00pm to 5:00pm (Rota = 2:00pm-5:00pm)

Weekends + Bank holidays – Closed

There will be 2 weeks when the site controller will be on holiday, during this period the pool will be closed - 15th to 19th August and one other week TBC.

We know weekend opening was very popular for previous pool club members, especially for those in full time employment or children in after school activities, we hope the extended evening hours will assist these people, as well as full day opening (9am-5pm) on inset days. We have also reduced the membership from £60 to £50.

The online application form and the link to the Crowdfunder payment page are now live on the school website at <https://aldryngtonpta.com/home/pool-club/> along with the Pool Club Rules and Operating Procedures and also some useful FAQs giving more information about the operation of the Pool Club. Please read the Rules and Procedures carefully even if you were a Pool Club member previously as there are some important changes to be aware of this year.

Note

The government rules around Covid 19 and Swim England/the school will determine how the pool can operate. It is hoped that it will run as outlined, but changes may be required at short notice. We will update if there are any changes.



Pool Club members who are undertaking rota duties are required to attend a resus training session. There are 5 training sessions to choose from, all taking place in the school hall/Mrs Dunn's classroom before the pool opens. These are limited to 20 per session. You must confirm which training session on the booking form when submitting your application. If you do not attend your planned training, the application will be void and a refund will not be issued. If, for any reason, there is a requirement to add an additional session this may be possible after the start of the pool season, but you may not undertake rota duties until this has taken place or been confirmed.

Only members who have attended training will be able to open the pool on a non-rota basis (with another supervising adult).

Your support for the PTA Pool Club is vital to the continued viability of the school pool and of school swimming lessons for children in Years 1-6, but please note that membership to the PTA Pool Club is completely separate from curriculum swimming lessons for KS1 & KS2; both sources of income are necessary to cover the cost of running and maintaining the pool.

If you have any questions, please email pool@aldryngtonpta.com.

Kind Regards

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