



School Premises Management Handbook Annex C

Annex C

Swimming pools



Context

As part of the PE curriculum, all primary schools must provide swimming and water safety lessons in either Key Stage 1 or 2 so that each pupil is able to do the following:

- ➔ Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations
- ➔ Swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- ➔ Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke

Seven primary phase Community Schools in Haringey have swimming pools.

Two of these are hydrotherapy pools:

- ➔ Lancasterian Primary
- ➔ The Vale

Five are swimming pools:

- ➔ Campsbourne Infant and Junior
- ➔ Chesnuts Primary
- ➔ Crowland Primary
- ➔ Seven Sisters Primary
- ➔ South Haringay Infant and Junior

Policy

The following are the policies of Haringey Council with respect to swimming pools at Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

1. Income raised by the school through letting the swimming pool should be used to offset the costs of meeting the letting and contribute to the cyclical maintenance requirements of the swimming pool
2. Unless it is a hydrotherapy pool, the council will not invest more funding into preserving the swimming pool than would be required to remove it unless exceptional circumstances apply

Roles and responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for:

1. Ensuring appropriate operational policies are in place for the safe use by the school and third party users
2. Ensure the lettings policy for the swimming pool includes appropriate requirements of third party users
3. Ensuring all statutory tests, inspections or servicing required are undertaken
4. Ensuring any non-compliance identified by tests, inspections or services is urgently remedied
5. Ensuring any recommendations from tests, inspections or services are given due regard in the school's priority and budget setting processes
6. Undertaking maintenance as required to ensure continued safe use as set out in this section

7. Identifying and raising with the council any required works that fall within the council's responsibilities as set out in this section.

The council is responsible for:

- ➔ Funding and managing works within its areas of responsibility as set out in this section.

The following table summarises the responsibilities of the school and council in respect of maintenance and improvement of the swimming pool and its associated accommodation (i.e. building structures, plant room and changing facilities used solely for the swimming pool).

Topic / area	School	Council
Roof and associated fittings	Inspect, ongoing maintenance / repairs to extend life	Major repair or renewal
Windows	Inspect, ongoing maintenance / repairs to extend life	Major repair or renewal
External walls	Inspect, ongoing maintenance / repairs to extend life	Major repair or renewal
Internal walls, doors, ceilings and floors	Inspect, ongoing maintenance / repairs to extend life	Major repair or renewal
Redecoration (internal and external)	Full responsibility	No responsibility (except as far as required by other projects)
Pool structure / lining etc	Full responsibility	No responsibility
Heating and ventilation system	Service, ongoing maintenance / repairs, individual radiator replacement	Boiler replacement, other works over £3k
Electrics	Service, ongoing maintenance / repairs	Works over £3k
Water and gas	Service, ongoing maintenance / repairs	Intake, works over £3k
External paths / garden, etc	Full responsibility	No responsibility
Asbestos	Survey, maintain register, advise contractors, remove safely within school projects	Removal within council projects
Other equipment	Full responsibility	No responsibility

Broadly speaking, if something needs doing approximately every 10 years or less, it is school responsibility. If it generally requires doing less frequently then it is council responsibility.



Inspections, tests, and servicing requirements

The Governing Body is responsible for organising and paying for the necessary inspections, tests, and services for the swimming pool. This includes ensuring:

- Plant and equipment is maintained and serviced following manufacturer's instructions
- There is a written scheme of examination, which has been approved by a competent person for the pool heating system, and which is updated as appropriate
- Water is treated following the principles set out in the Code of Practice

 www.pwtag.org/code-of-practice

The school also needs to ensure:

- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) risk assessment is carried out (and updated as required) for the chemicals used
- The use and maintenance by the school is risk assessed and those involved in the process are competent
- That there is a Normal Operating Plan (NOP) and the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the pool following the HSE guidance

 www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books

- Appropriate lifeguard numbers

Factors for determining whether the council would invest

If there is a proposal for the council to invest in a swimming pool facility, the Haringey Council Assistant Director (Schools and Learning) will consider the following factors before deciding whether to invest:

- The educational and curriculum requirement for the swimming pool facility (note, the rebuttable presumption will be that hydrotherapy pools are required, while other swimming pools are not)
- Level of council funding required at the time and the impact it would have upon the usable life of the facility before major investment is again required
- Anticipated level of council funding required by the swimming pool in the next ten years compared to the cost of removing the facility and (if the facility is part of a building that would be retained) converting the space into curriculum or staff accommodation
- Community use of, and need for, the facility and its relative priority for investment as advised by the council sport and leisure officers

Determining future use if the facility is to be removed

If the council decides not to invest in a swimming pool facility, and the school is unable to fund the required works itself, the council will engage with the school to determine the programme for removing the facility and (if the facility is part of a building that would be retained) refurbishing the vacated space.



Additional Resources

Traded Services for Schools



www.tradedservices.haringey.gov.uk/contacts

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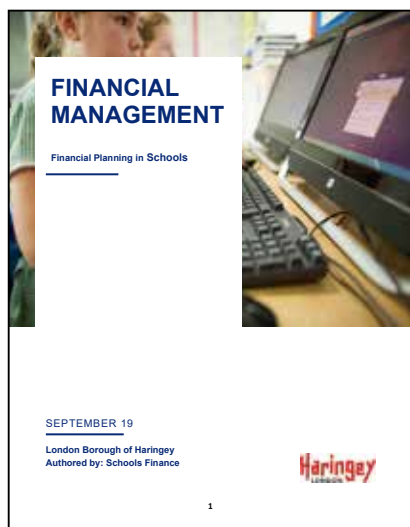


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