

APPENDIX 7
HIRE OF POOL TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:
SPECIFIC CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE HIRE OF THE SWIMMING
POOL

1. **BATHER LOAD:** The maximum number of persons able to be in the pool at one time is _____. Other persons may be in the pool environment at the same time but not in the water once the maximum number is reached.
2. Proof of the legitimacy of qualifications held by those teaching or lifeguarding sessions will be required by providing sight of original certification.
3. The booking form does not entitle the Hirer to access at times other than those shown on the booking form.
4. On hire of the pool, all responsibility for the welfare and safety of those in the pool and pool building transfers to the Hirer of the facility.
5. The facilities may only be used for the purpose and period shown on the booking form.
6. All visits to the pool should be recorded in the diary held in the school office.
7. In emergencies, assistance may be given by the staff on duty using the laid down procedures. In all cases, the nominated qualified Lifesaver / Lifeguard must stay out of the water and be easily identifiable to all users and must have had an induction by a member of the School's Pool Staff on the facility's action plans.
8. The School cannot under any circumstances accept responsibility or liability in respect of any damage or loss of any property or any items left upon the premises by the Hirer or any other person.
9. The School staff are not authorised to accept responsibility for the safe keeping of any money or goods - the Hirer must communicate this to all participants.
10. The Hirer must ensure that all participants and spectators abide by the pool's rules, copies of which are available on request.
11. Where applicable, the Hirer is responsible for the compliance with the terms and conditions of any licence issued by the local Council or any other body.

LIFEGUARDING QUALIFICATIONS

1. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE HIRER MAKE USE OF THE POOL WITHOUT HAVING A QUALIFIED LIFEGUARD PRESENT.** The Hirer must ensure that there is in attendance at every session a qualified lifeguard who holds either a Pool Lifeguard Qualification, or in the cases of structured sessions, a qualified swimming teacher with a Reach Rescue qualification. It is the Hirer's responsibility that the qualifications are kept updated, such qualifications are produced to the Pool Manager upon request.
2. The lifeguard must be clearly visible and remain on poolside at all times. For guidance, please see the health and safety book HSG179 "Managing Safety in Swimming Pools".
3. All lifeguards must be at least 16 years of age.
4. The School will not be able to provide lifeguards for any session unless this has been agreed as a part of the hiring agreement.

The Headteacher will retain full responsibility for the pool and use of its facilities at all times.