



CITY of SOUTHAMPTON SWIMMING CLUB

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Dear Parents and Swimmers,

Social networking sites are now part of everyday life for many people. Please remember that whatever information you share on these sites will be available to anybody at any time. This can have a negative impact with far-reaching consequences.

Can you please ensure and remind you swimmers (aged under 18 years of age) that they must not request a coach/helper/teacher to become a friend or communicate on their Facebook page or any other form of social media site.

The Good Practice Guidelines on the use of Social Networking Sites by Swim England Clubs and Members, as outlined in the updates Wavepower 2012-2015, states in the Guidance for coaches, teachers and other officers of trust and responsibility in respect of children in an Swim England club:

- 1. Swim England members in a position of trust and/or responsibility should not be in contact with young people through social networking sites if they hold such a position in respect of that individual young person.**
- 2. Should a young person in your club request to become a named friend or request that you become a named friend on the young person's social networking site you should decline if:**

You are in a position of responsibility in respect of that child.

You hold a position of trust and responsibility in the club.

Your contact with the child is through an Swim England club and the parent/guardian of the child does not give their consent to such contact.

This good practice is also reflected in the codes of conduct we produce for every member of the club, in whatever capacity they are involved with CSSC.

For more information on Social Networking Site use, the following link provides guidance:

www.swimming.org/assets/uploads/library/SocialNetworking_from_WavepowerSection2.pdf

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

