

# To sign up for FREE Swimming

## 13 to 16 years

### In Person

Complete the application form and supply an up to date 'passport' style photo, then bring it along to Colchester Leisure World with some form of photographic identification that shows your date of birth, such as driving licence, bite card or passport.

## 12 years and under

### In Person

Complete the application form and supply an up to date 'passport' style photo, then bring it along to Colchester Leisure World.

### By Post

Complete the application form and supply an up to date 'passport' style photo, and post to Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester, CO1 1YH. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for each card applied for and allow 28 days for delivery of your Free Swimming Card.

## Fun Force Card Holders

Fun Force card holders aged 12 years and under will still need to complete an application form and supply a 'passport' style photo to register for Free Swimming, however, a new card will not be issued. The Fun Force card will then be activated for Free Swimming. You may apply by post or in person.

### Lost your Fun Force Card?

If you have lost your Fun Force Card, you will need a Free Swimming Card to be issued. Tick the 'lost card' box on the application form.

**Parents/Guardians will need to sign on behalf of those aged 16 and under.**

## 60 years and over

### In Person

Complete the application form and supply an up to date 'passport' style photo, then bring it along to Colchester Leisure World with some form of photographic identification that shows your date of birth, such as driving licence or passport.

### Concessionary Bus Pass Holders

If you hold a Concessionary Bus Pass issued by Colchester Borough Council you will need to complete an application form and supply a 'passport' style photo to register for Free Swimming, however, your bus pass number is all we need as proof of age in order to process your application. Therefore, please write your Bus Pass number on the application form in the box provided. You may apply by post to Colchester Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester, Essex CO1 1YH, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Please allow 28 days for delivery of your Free Swimming Card.





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# Free Swimming

For those aged 16 years and under or 60 years and over.

# Splash out without splashing out!

The Free Swimming Programme is funded by the Government and aims to increase participation in physical activity and improve the health and well-being of the nation.



North East Essex



# Questions & Answers

## ● **When does the free swimming scheme run until?**

From 1 April 2009 until 31 March 2011. However, this may be extended and Swim Cards would remain valid.

## ● **Who is eligible for free swimming?**

All children aged 16 and under and adults aged 60 years and over (children under 3 years of age can swim for free without registering for a Free Swimming Card).

## ● **Is free swimming available all the time?**

Once registered and a card has been issued, you can swim for free during any public swimming session excluding Aquafun and Parent & Toddler sessions; however entry is subject to certain restrictions, i.e. ladies only and adult swimming (see pool programme).

## ● **Which pools can I swim in?**

The Fitness Pool and Teaching Pool, however your card will not guarantee entry if the pool is at capacity.

## ● **How many times can I swim for free per week?**

You are able to swim as often as you like.

## ● **Is ID required?**

Yes, Photo ID showing date of birth will be required when you are registering for your Free Swimming Card (*not required for those 12 years & under or those with Bus Pass ID*).

## ● **Will I need to show my card for each visit to the pool?**

Yes. A valid Free Swimming Card or activated Fun Force Card must be produced on every visit. Without the card, charges will apply.

## ● **What happens if I lose my Free Swimming Card?**

A £6.00 fee will be required for a replacement card.

## ● **I swim as part of my Lifestyles membership but I qualify for free swimming – what do I do now?**

The payments for the Lifestyles Memberships are primarily for the use of the Gym with the added benefit of free swimming. This will continue unchanged and you will still be able to swim for free as part of your membership.

# 16 years and under

## ● My child cannot yet swim. What should I do?

Your child can still get a Free Swimming Card. Swimming Lessons are available at Colchester Leisure World.

For more information please contact 01206 282000.

## ● Does free swimming apply to swimming lessons?

No.

## ● I have more than one child. Does each child have to apply for a card separately or can all the children be covered by one card?

Every child must have his/her own Free Swimming Card. Cards are not transferable.

## ● Can parents/guardians swim free with children?

No, adults must pay the standard fee.

## ● Do parents/guardians have to accompany children?

All children under 8 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged over 16 years (at a ratio of three children to one adult with no more than two children under 5 years).

