



## Swimming Statement 2021

At Audlem St James CE Primary School we offer a high-quality Physical Education curriculum which inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. We provide opportunities for pupils to become confident in a way which supports both their physical and mental health and fitness.

As a school, we provide swimming instruction in every Autumn term over a period of 10 weeks in Year 3 and Year 4 at Key Stage 2. This is provided by an external provider called 'Everybody Swim' and children are split into ability groups to ensure high-quality and relevant teaching.

The pupils are taught to:

- ✓ Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- ✓ Use a range of strokes effectively (e.g. front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- ✓ Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

As a school, we keep a swimming matrix of all children in Key Stage 2 to track children's progress towards achieving the above bullet points.

Any children who have not achieved all three of these aims would ordinarily be offered 'Top Up Swim' sessions in Year 6. These daily sessions take place each Summer term and provide a two-week intensive programme targeting our aim that all children meet these National Curriculum requirements for swimming by the end of Year 6. However, during the 2019-2020 academic year, the COVID-19 shutdown has meant that this has not been available.

At the end of the 2019 -2020 academic year of our 33 children in Year 6, 91% (30) children met all of the statutory requirements.

As with all areas of Physical Education, we continually review our practices. As the Year 6 'Top Up Swim' sessions have been unavailable, we have written to the families of those children not meeting the statutory requirements with information regarding opportunities outside of school to aid swimming ability.