



Swimming at Barford:

Every year all pupils from **Year 1 to Year 6** at **Barford Primary School** take part in swimming as a core element of our PE curriculum. We are committed to ensuring that every child develops essential water-safety skills, swimming confidence, and the ability to meet national curriculum expectations by the end of Key Stage 2.

To achieve this, we host a **fully-equipped pop-up swimming pool on our school site**, allowing all children to access high-quality swimming instruction without the barriers of travel, cost, or limited availability at external venues. This on-site provision ensures consistent, inclusive access for every year group and enables us to deliver a progressive swimming programme throughout the school year.

Our approach directly responds to our **local context**. Barford Primary School sits within proximity to the **Birmingham canal network**, an area rich in industrial heritage but also presenting potential water-safety risks. By embedding swimming and water-safety education for all pupils, we equip children with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to stay safe around open water in their community.

Swimming at Barford is therefore both a curriculum entitlement and a vital safeguarding measure, ensuring our pupils grow up confident, capable, and safe in and around water.

