



Good News - the PM's virus announcement yesterday will not affect Clubs like Hythe Aqua who have implemented strong protocols following strictly Government and Swim England guidance. See message from Swim England Chief Executive:

Dear Club

Swim England chief executive Jane Nickerson has expressed her delight that clubs and lessons will not be affected by new restrictions on the numbers of people allowed to meet up.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson today announced that social gatherings of no more than six people will be allowed indoors or outdoors from Monday 14 September to help curb the spread of coronavirus.

Mr Johnson said in his speech that 'Covid-secure venues like places of worship, gyms, restaurants and hospitality venues can still hold more than six people in total – but groups must not mix socially or form larger groups'.

The Government has now confirmed to Sport England that organised sports and activities which have been through return to play protocols will be allowed to continue as before.

Swim England has published detailed guidance for the safe use of swimming pools, which has been used by facilities across the country.

Jane said: "This is excellent news.

"We expected this would be the case when the announcement was made by the Prime Minister but wanted to confirm before updating our affiliated clubs, members, coaches, teachers and swim schools.

"Club activity and swimming lessons will be able to continue as previously as they are taking place in Covid-secure environments – but they must continue to adhere to our Returning to the Pool guidance.

"All other pool activity operating within the Swim England guidelines can also continue but people should not travel to pools socially in groups of more than six.

"We'd also encourage everyone to follow the latest advice from the Government and wear face coverings where necessary and ensure you maintain social distancing and good hand hygiene at all times.

"Obviously, there are a number of pools across the country that are still closed due to financial reasons and we will continue to lobby the Government for the vital support they need to open their doors once again."

Swim England