

Halesowen Swimming lessons FAQs

We have made a few changes to help with your children's progression and motivation. We hope to answer a few questions that you may have.

As some of you may be aware we are now following the STA International Learn to Swim Programme (ILSP), link provided- <https://www.sta.co.uk/international-learn-to-swim-programme/>



What will happen in the first few weeks?

Your child's teacher will be performing an initial assessment of your child based on the criteria for their stage. This is as all children have transferred from the ASA programme and we want to ensure that they are in the correct group. We want children to feel that goals are challenging, but realistic and achievable.

When is badge week?

We will no longer see 'badge week', the children are now being continuously assessed by their teachers each lesson.

What is continuous assessment?

Teachers will have a criteria for each stage which shows what children need to complete. It will be ticked off once the teacher is confident that the child can complete it confidently and consistently to a high standard; then the child will receive their award.

Will my child move up at the end of the term?

No, not necessarily. Your child/ren will move up when they have completed each of the badges within their stage. They will then be moved up once they are complete, this could be at ANY point in the term, providing we have spaces, they can move the following week.

How long will it take my child to complete the ILSP?

Every child is an individual who will progress at their own pace. We don't want to rush children as it can lead to a lack of confidence and progression for children. You can support your child's progress by taking them swimming alongside their lessons.