



26% of Year 6 children do not meet curriculum requirements of being able to swim 25 metres when they leave school.

This figure jumps to a shocking **44% in Oxfordshire's priority neighbourhoods.**

37% of SEND children do not meet these requirements.

22% of children are unable to perform safe self-rescue, and therefore **are unsafe around water.**

What are schools saying about the swimming inequalities that Oxfordshire's young people face?

"Something needs a radical change from our point of view. We have looked into a temporary pool on school grounds but this cost is prohibitive."

"We have children with high level of SEND in an Enhanced Pathway. Due to funding issues, we are unable to provide swimming lessons to these children as the cost of transport and support is more than we have in our budget."

Join us at the Oxfordshire Swimming and Water Safety Summit

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 10am - 2pm
Rose Hill Community Centre, OX4 4HF

- Opportunities to connect with others, hear and share learnings and experiences, and understand your role in being part of the solution
- Engaging and interactive sessions throughout the day -
 - Water safety in the classroom (Hannah Mansfield, St Leonard's)
 - Water safety for SEND children (RLSS)
 - How YouMove can allow pupils to swim outside of school
 - Addressing cultural barriers towards swimming
- Free lunch provided by OCA

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