

Paper 9 – Paper to Note

School Swimming Data 2012

Please Note- School Swimming refers to Testing that takes place in Curriculum PE lessons. Learn To Swim will now be used to refer to Swimming Lessons that take place out of school time

	North	Mid and West	Central South	South East	Wales
Overall % (Years 3-6) meeting standard	58	56	35	54	52%
Percentage of Year 3-6 tested	30%*	99%*	32%	36%	47%
% Year 6 meeting standard	78	81	65	68	75%
Percentage of Year 6 tested	50%	83%	42%	40%	55%

Notes: When using data, caution should be used in reporting and making comparisons for the following reasons:

Conwy: Tested Yr 6, but not Years 3-5.

Denbighshire: Tested Yr 6, but not Years 3-5.

Gwynedd: Tested Year 3 and 6

Vale of Glamorgan: No Year group breakdown provided

Torfaen: No Year 3 tested

Flintshire: Data not reflective of the LA for 2011-12

Some LAs have returned data that shows more pupils have been tested than are in that population or that almost every pupil has been tested – data collection methods need to be checked

Some LAs have tested small proportions of pupils

The population data is taken from the Pupil Level Annual School Census January 2012

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=9965>

Period	Current baseline/ Targets	Ynys Mon	Conwy	Denbigh	Gwynedd	Flint	Wrexham	Swansea	Pembroke	Powys	NPT	Carmarthen	Ceredigion	Newport	Monmouth	Torfaen	Blaenau Gwent	Caerphilly	Cardiff	Merthyr Tydfil	Bridgend	RCT	Vale
Sep 09-Jul 10	67%	75%	62%	79%	51%	51%	75%	71%	88%	94%	66%	49%	87%	49%	73%	86%	55%	53%	45%	37%	54%	43%	78%
Sep 10-Jul 11	69%	61%	62%	90%	88%	71%	76%	83%	84%	90%	61%	41%	88%	63%	63%	90%	80%	27%	50%	72%	55%	57%	85%
Sep 11- Jul 12	75%	89%	68%	90%	89%	59%	76%	87%	87%	93%	64%	69%	81%	66%	75%	80%	70%	61%	56%	72%	57%	59%	85%
Percentage of Year 6 tested	55%	21%	59%	81%	18%	14%	102	62%	99%	107	70%	90%	95%	19%	80%	12%	73%	43%	25%	92%	41%	42%	64%
Overall % (Year 3-6) meeting standard	52%	67%	68%	90%	80%	40%	49%	71%	59%	76%	47%	52%	63%	40%	57%	72%	54%	50%	44%	52%	47%	47%	85%

Percentage of Year 3-6 tested	47%		20%	15%	21%	18%	14%	83%		66%	101	104	69%	94%	74%		22%	66%	27%	68%	28%		23%	82%	35%	38%	16%
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Main comments

- If Assessment methods are accurate and consistent then National trend in school swimming is positively improving
- Still very large variances in the data which suggests large variances in level of importance given to subject by Local Authorities
- Huge variance in quality and level of testing which in some cases questions the robustness of local LA data generated
- Questions remain regarding the importance and buy in to the swimming/aquatics pathway in some LA's- more consistent total buy in needed
- Large improvements in some LA's, but room for improvement in all-
- Large portions of data still missing from Commercial/trust pools that teach swimming to school children

Key Questions:

- What needs to be done within the Local Authority to get every child swimming?
- How can relationships with Educational partners be improved to assist development of school swimming (Including PESS leads) and its importance within the Aquatics Pathway?
- What needs to be done to ensure that there is clear progression from school/LTS into clubs/other opportunities including recreational splash?
- With the national trend improving, how do we sustain rates and translate that into **regular aquatic activity** and the other areas of the Aquatics pathway?