

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear all Skipton SC members

Many many thanks to you all for replying to our 'Return to Swimming' email, it's very encouraging that over 95% of you wish to return to swimming as soon as possible!

Disappointingly, as I am sure you will have heard despite pubs etc being allowed to open, leisure centres are not, therefore we are unable to return to sessions from the 4<sup>th</sup> July. We had undertaken many meetings and conversations with both Craven and West craven pools and had planned a safe return to swimming following the published 43 page guidance "Returning to the pool – Guidance for Clubs, and I like the rest of you, the swimming world and many many of the general public are extremely disappointed and disillusioned from the governments last announcement. Sessions would have been reduced and times may have changed for some, but we had worked hard with both facilities to ensure a safe return. Thank you to our club secretary for attending an online webinar with Swim North east this week to listen to advice from other North Eastern clubs

We now await the next decision from government. Guidance will likely to change again with respect to social distancing, hopefully meaning more swimmers and more sessions. With this in mind, all our hard work will have to be revisited including session allocation, so please bear with us and we will keep you informed.

Part of Swim England's advice to have Covid Liaison officers (this can be more than one, so all sessions are covered) that can be present when sessions begin again. Disappointingly I haven't had any offers of help, so please if you are interested in knowing more and helping the club and myself please get in touch. All risk assessments and the main bulk of work has already been completed over the last month.

We continue to look into funding to help the club transition over the next couple of months as with reduced swimmers/sessions but the same outgoing costs for pool hire. Financially it will prove to be increasingly difficult and worrying for the club. It may be that we ask once we do return to training we plead to parents (although I totally understand some many have their own financial concerns and wont be able to) that monthly fees are paid as normal despite potentially members having reduced sessions in the short term (we hope this will be no longer than maximum a couple of months).....food for thought!.....but more on that later once we have the go ahead to commence training and our water time co-ordinator is able to allocate sessions.

Please continue to follow our Facebook page and our website for updates, and if anybody is interested in taking on any vacant roles within the club (it does not necessarily mean you have to be on committee), please do not hesitate to contact me for a chat.

So that's me for now, if you need to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so. Kind regards, please continue to stay healthy.... stay safe and sane everyone!

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