

Using SwimPix to support SEND pupils

Background

Durham Trinity School & Sports College is a Lead Inclusion School representing County Durham for Inclusion 2020, a programme led by Youth Sport Trust and funded by the Department for Education.

By using the Swim England School Swimming Assessment Tool, Trinity identified the need for improved school swimming provision across County Durham, particularly for SEND pupils accessing mainstream lessons who were unable to achieve the three national curriculum outcomes.

Objective

Trinity were keen to embed the use of SwimPix activity cards into their school swimming delivery, to improve swimming and water safety lessons for SEND pupils across County Durham schools.

SwimPix activity cards can be used as a teaching aid. They are suitable for in and out of water learning and provide clear and easy-to-follow diagrams. The cards are produced by Aswim.uk.

Challenges

- Ensuring fit-for-purpose training to support the effective use of SwimPix cards.
- Adapting delivery through the use of the cards in larger pool environments.

Approach

The Director of Sport at Trinity worked in collaboration with the Schools Aquatics Development Manager for Education Durham - Durham County Council, to discuss where to pilot the objective.

SwimPix cards were distributed to swimming teachers and swimming-qualified staff at a SEND school and two mainstream schools across County Durham. Training on how to use the resource was provided.

Results

Introducing the SwimPix cards provided teachers with new lesson ideas and the opportunity to develop their own delivery style and technique.

Clarity of the cards made them an effective tool for all learners, especially those with communication difficulties.

A successful partnership was developed between the school, Durham City Council and organisations from the Inclusion 2020 steering group, who supplied the cards. By continually sharing best practice, these partners will reinforce the use of SwimPix in school swimming provision.

“On one occasion I forgot to bring the SwimPix cards onto poolside, and straight away the pupils reminded me. They said they wouldn’t know what to do without the cards.”

**Anonymous,
Swimming Teacher**



**Improved quality of
lesson delivery**

**Increased levels of
engagement among SEND pupils**

**More effective learning for SEND
pupils, supporting them to achieve the
three national curriculum outcomes**

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