

First Swim Terms & Conditions

Booking Classes

- Class levels are based on your child's age and experience
- All classes are booked through our website and are subject to availability. We cannot reserve spaces ahead of any calendar release date.
- Existing customers have priority access to the new term calendar for 7 days at the midway point of their current term before general release.

Price & Payment

- Your booking is not guaranteed until you have fully paid for your class, completed the online booking process and received a confirmation email from First Swim.
- We do not accept cash payment for swim classes. Our online methods of payment (BOIPA) accepts all major credit and debit cards, excluding Revolut
- Valid First Swim gift vouchers can be used in conjunction with any card payment by using the unique code on the gift voucher at checkout.
- First Swim gift vouchers and other discount codes have special terms & conditions and cannot be exchanged for cash. Discount codes cannot be used as credit towards 'special offer' classes or products.

Agreement

- Your agreement with First Swim exists for the duration of the 10 week term for baby & toddler swim classes or for our Paediatric First Aid courses. For each new term you book after that, a new agreement will be created where you must again accept the booking T&C's.
- An agreement is created between the customer and First Swim during the booking process where you accept the booking T&C's, our Code of Conduct and our Assumption of Risk Liability.
- It is important that all the information you provide during booking is correct and true. The agreement will be cancelled with no refund offered if any of the information provided was found to be false.
- You cannot enter a legally binding contract until you are aged 18.

Changes to confirmed bookings

First Swim reserves the right to cancel or move a confirmed booking in the event of a booking error by the company. Every effort will be made to place you on an alternate date and if this is not possible we will offer you a full refund.

Changes to a Booking(s) - Cancellations & Refunds

All cancellation requests must be made in advance by email to info@firstswim.ie

- Right to cancel under the European Union (Consumer Information, Cancellation, and Other rights) Regulations 2013 does not apply to First Swim.
- You may cancel your contract (booking) within 7 days of your purchase to receive a full refund. This does not apply if you purchase a term that is due to start in less than 14 days from your purchase
- You may cancel your booking with 14 or more days to the start of your course to receive a refund minus a €50 administration charge per booking deducted from any refund before it is processed.
- You may cancel your booking with less than 14 days to the start of your course, however no refund or credit will be offered.
- You may cancel your contract (booking) after your term has started, however no refund or credit will be offered.
- Any agreed refunds will be issued to the card you used to place the original order. This typically takes 5-7 working days. Please note refunds may take up to 30 days

Changes to a Booking(s) - Missed classes

If you are not able to attend part of or all of your term due to illness, holidays or any other reason outside the control of First Swim, we are not obliged to offer you a refund or credit for any missed lesson(s). We also cannot credit transfer any missed lesson(s) from your current term to an alternative term. (See make-up classes policy below)

Changes to a Booking(s) - Classes in progress

In the unlikely event where a lesson that has already started must be abandoned, First Swim is not obliged to refund or credit the lesson. A make-up class will be offered if less than half of the class time has elapsed. No make-up class will be offered if more than half of the class time has elapsed.

Changes to a Booking(s) - Make-up classes policy

First Swim offers 2 free make-up lessons per term, per booking and are strictly subject to availability. Make-up classes must fit in around the existing calendar. First Swim will not create new classes to accommodate make-ups.

- We can only offer a make-up class if there is space on an existing class.
- Make-up classes can only be offered in classes of a similar level.
- No-shows for make-up classes will count as one of your 2 make-ups for that term.
- Cancelling a make-up class on the day will count as one of your 2 make-ups for that term.
- Make-up classes can only be offered within the weeks of the current term booked.
- Make-up lessons are offered on a discretionary basis and have no cash value.
- Priority is given to First Swim offering a make-up for classes cancelled on our part versus claiming one of the 2 offered make-ups in a term
- Make-up classes are only for absence due to sickness. Personal time away during your term do not qualify for a make-up class.

Changes to a Booking(s) - Cancelled Classes

Should a situation arise where First Swim needs to cancel a class, we will make every effort to contact you in advance of your class. However there may be circumstances out of our control, that mean we have no time before your arrival where we have to cancel a class. We will make every effort to offer you a like-for-like class but cannot guarantee the day and/or time for these. If a lesson is cancelled we will give you a credit for the value of that lesson, provide a replacement lesson or offer you a refund.

Changes to a Booking(s) - No Shows for classes

On the day no-shows will not qualify for a make-up class and you will be marked as absent. You must notify us before the start of your scheduled class time if you plan not to attend.

Late Arrival For Classes

Guests arriving more than 5 minutes after the start time of the swim class will unfortunately not be allowed access to the pool as this will disrupt the teaching of that class. Missing a class due to late arrival does not constitute a free make-up session.

Minimum Class Numbers - We require a minimum of 4 persons on any class to ensure that class goes ahead. Before the start of the term we will contact guests on low class numbers with alternative dates & times.

Deferrals

We do not offer deferrals to a future term. If your circumstances change and you cannot continue with your booking on the current term we will cancel you class, applying any applicable admin fee, and refund you.

Unforeseen Events - Should First Swim classes be stopped by a government directive or local agency warning, we can only return to our schedule when it is safe to do so, guided by the available information at the time. Again we will do our best to accommodate customers with replacement dates but these are subject to availability and if we cannot find a suitable time and date we cannot issue refunds and unfortunately the class(es) will be lost with no refund or credit offered.

Term Attendance

Only those with a 60% or more attendance during the current term will be offered a space on the next level for any new term.

New Term Evaluations

During the first 2 weeks of each new term, the instructors will evaluate whether or not the level you have chosen is the best level for you based on the skills for that level. We may move you up or down a level best suited to your child's needs based on that feedback.

Health & Safety - Medical Conditions

During booking we ask if there are any existing medical conditions for your baby or toddler and you or the guardian taking your child to the class. If the medical conditions change for any person from the time of your booking, you should inform First Swim. All information will be kept strictly confidential. If you are unsure about something, please consult your GP before taking part in our classes.

Compulsory Swimwear

Babies on Little Dipper classes must use the double nappy system whilst in our pool. This is a properly fitted disposable or re-usable 'swim' nappy worn underneath a re-usable neoprene Smart Nappy. It is so important that the disposable swim nappy is the right size and that the Smart Nappy gives a snug and taut fit around the waist and thighs. These are available on our website. If you have any doubts about the size, contact our staff for advice. Toddlers on the Aquatots classes must wear Jammer shorts for swim lessons which are also available on our website shop. These shorts have elasticated waist and legs which reduce the risk of toilet accidents in the pool even if the toddler is toilet trained. Toddlers who are not yet toilet trained must wear a disposable or re-usable 'swim' nappy or pants underneath the Jammer shorts. Babies and toddlers who are not using the double nappy system or who are not using the Swim Smart Nappy or Jammer shorts **will not be allowed into the pool**. Adults must wear appropriate swimwear in the pool and changing room. Swimwear must be clean and designated for pool use only (no boardie's or rugby shorts).

Health & Safety - Illness – Can I attend classes?

It is not just babies and toddlers that need to free of illness to attend our classes but parents and guardians too. If you or your child has a significant illness, such as Covid 19, an ear or chest infection, conjunctivitis, measles, chicken pox, fever, diarrhoea or vomiting then please do not attend our classes. Symptoms must have cleared for at least 48 hours. If you are concerned about any medical condition please check with your GP before attending a class. The sniffles worry: We understand that babies and toddlers can just have the sniffles from time to time. As long as you are sure it is just the sniffle you can attend our classes.

Health & Safety - Supervision of Children on Premises

Parents and guardians are responsible for the children in their care at all times while on the First Swim premises. Staff and management cannot take any responsibility for children left unattended in the café area, changing rooms or pool room. It is our policy that no child be left unattended on the premises.

Pool Temperature

First Swim have a minimum operating temperature of 29oC. We will not run classes below this. Our optimum teaching temperature is 33oC and this is what we strive to achieve for each class. If the pool temperature drops below 29oC we will cancel classes and offer a make-up session.

Extra consideration should be given by parents or guardians arriving with more than one child as only the parent/ guardian and the child doing the swim lesson can enter the changing room and pool area. Children accompanying the parent/ guardian must have appropriate supervision in the café or pool viewing area. The changing room is a wet area and strictly off limits to all non-swimmers.

Health & Safety - Lost Property & Valuables

First Swim will not accept any liability for items lost, damaged or stolen on the premises and customers are reminded that all property left on the premises is left at your own risk. Items found by staff or handed in by customers will be kept for up to 2 weeks. Unclaimed items after this 2 week period will be donated to charity. Lost items claimed by phone or email must still be collected within 2 weeks. Please use the lockers in the changing room to store high value items during your swim class.

Data Protection Policy

Data Protection is the means by which the privacy rights of individuals are safeguarded in relation to the processing of their personal data. First Swim will not use or pass your private details to any third party without your prior consent. First Swim will only use your personal information to send you business updates, class information and general notifications that may benefit you. You can unsubscribe from all First Swim correspondence at any time. Please see our First Swim Privacy policy for more information.

Changes to terms and conditions

First Swim may change our booking terms and conditions at any time. This does not affect your statutory rights. Refunds or in store exchanges of merchandise may be given within 14 days from the date of purchase for products of saleable quality returned in the original saleable condition, in their original packaging, with the relevant online dispatch note or store online receipt. Refunds will be credited to the original tender used to process the payment.

Queries & Complaints

We strive to provide the best possible service at all times. However, there may be times when you think we can improve that service. Or, there may be times when you want to tell us about something we have not done well. You can contact us by the email or phone found on the Contact Us page.

Official communication

Instagram, Messenger and WhatsApp are platforms that we use from time to time to communicate but these are not official forms of comms for First Swim. We will always prioritise contact via email, info@firstswim.ie or through our phone on (01) 4370944.