

MARKET HARBOROUGH SWIMMING CLUB

MHSC Late Collection of Children

Parents/Carers are advised that MHSC 'duty of care' only covers the duration of the child's teaching/training session. For away galas, MHSC 'duty of care' ends on the return of the transport/bus/coach. Parents/Carers are advised that it is not the responsibility of MHSC volunteers/coaches and team managers to transport children home on behalf of parents/carers who have been delayed. For galas, parents MUST provide two alternative contact names or numbers for MHSC volunteers to use when they are not available on their usual number.

Failure to collect children within a reasonable period of a given time, without notifying MHSC may be considered abandonment and the relevant authorities will be informed. Appropriate action as accordingly advised will then be followed.

In the case of late collection MHSC volunteers:-

Will

- Attempt to contact the child's parent/carer on their contact number.
- Use alternative contact name/number if necessary.
- If there is no reply from the emergency contact, ask the child if there is another family member who may be contacted.
- Wait with the child, with other MHSC volunteers present if at all possible.
- If no one is reachable, contact the local police to enquire about the best course of action.
- Remind parents/carers of the policy relating to late collection.

Will Not

- Take the child home or to another location.
- Send the child home with another person without permission from a parent/carer.
- Ask the child to wait in a vehicle or the club with them alone.

Parents Must

- Provide two emergency contact numbers for MHSC use when necessary.
- Make note of the contact numbers provided by MHSC.
- Contact MHSC immediately, if it is known that they will be late in collecting their child/children and inform them of alternative arrangements.