



# Halliwick Association of Swimming Therapy

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## **Policy on Dealing with Disruptive Behaviour**

Agreed by Halliwick AST Executive on 15 September 2018

1. Disruptive behaviour can be defined as any behaviour likely to interfere with the learning or well-being of the individual displaying the behaviour, or of other club members.
2. The behaviours we are likely to encounter at the pool are undue noise such as screaming, being over boisterous, splashing, throwing equipment and refusing to cooperate.
3. We aim to reduce such episodes to a minimum by organising a well-structured, interesting lesson.
4. If we know what triggers the behaviour e.g.
  - Fear
  - Boredom
  - Dislike of an activity
  - Personality clash

then preventative action can be taken and any planned response can be discussed with parents/personal assistants/carers and helpers.

5. Once the planned response has been agreed it is important that all helpers are aware of this and there is a consistent response from all helpers.
6. The safety of the individual, other swimmers and helpers is paramount and it may be advisable to undertake a risk assessment prior to the swimmer attending again.

This policy has been adapted from that of Hull Optimists Swimming Club