



# Case Study

**Sutton Park Primary School Sutton Coldfield**

**Swim:ED has transformed swimming at Sutton Park Primary. Before, we were spending thousands on transport and losing valuable learning time every week. Bringing the pool to our playground changed everything.**

*Emily Dunning*

Head of School

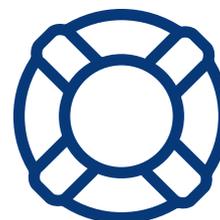
**Sutton Park needed a better alternative to traditional off-site swimming, where weekly sessions were costly in both time and money and significantly impacted the curriculum.** The school wanted a more intensive model that would deliver real progress, not limited gains spread thinly across weeks.

**Swim:ED was chosen because it treats swimming as a vital life skill, is backed by specialist staffing expertise, and has a clear focus on progress and safety.** Leaders expected daily lessons to build confidence quickly, support reluctant swimmers, and stretch more confident pupils through progressive skill development.

From day one, **the programme generated enthusiasm across the school.** Children looked forward to lessons, spoke about their sessions with pupils in other year groups, and carried real pride in their achievements. **Parents were supportive and grateful,** with some children even getting to school earlier than usual, excited for their swimming lessons.

### Other pupil and school highlights included:

- A huge increase in confidence, especially for reluctant or nervous swimmers.
- High enjoyment and engagement, with pupils proud of progress.
- A positive atmosphere across the school, driven by buzz and shared excitement.
- A much greater understanding of how to stay safe in and around water, supporting safeguarding beyond school.



## Water safety rose to 82%

From a standing start, the majority of pupils could explain the fundamentals of water safety.



## 25m shot to 52%

Children able to swim 25 metres unaided leapt from zero pupils to 52%

**This programme has improved children's swimming ability, boosted their confidence, and love for learning. It's one of the most powerful initiatives we've ever introduced.**

Emily Dunning – Head of School