

AGE ENTRY 12 YEARS POLICY CHANGE - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the changes?

The Geographe Leisure Centre (GLC), will require children under the age of 12 (previously 10) to be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 16 into the centre and provide adequate supervision and care for that child at all times.

Why has the policy changed?

Primary school aged children are at an increased risk of being harmed if not directly supervised, particularly in and around the high-risk area of swimming pools. The change to our age entry policy, is about the safety of children accessing our facility and require direct and competent supervision.

When will these changes come into effect?

We will be educating the public of changes to our age entry requirements throughout term 3, 2022. At the commencement of term 4, it will become compulsory for children under the age of 12 to be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 16 into the centre and provided with adequate supervision and care at all times.

How will policy change affect me?

If your child/children are under the age of 12 and access the centre to attend swimming or stadium programs, they will need to be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 16 and provided with adequate supervision and care at all times.

We are a Watch Around Water Endorsed Centre

- ***Children under 5 years old*** must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible person over the age of 16 and supervised within arm's reach at all times.
- ***Children under 12 years*** must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible person over the age of 16 and constantly supervised within line of sight at all times.

Can I drop my 11-year-old off at the centre so they can attend their activity in the GLC?

No, every child under the age of 12 years must be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 16, every time they visit the Centre or entry may be refused.

My 15-year-old child will be with my 10-year-old child, is this, okay?

No, children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 16.

My child attends swim club sessions in the pool and is under 12?

If your child is under 12 and attends a swim program with a club or association, they are required to be accompanied into the centre by a responsible person over the age 16 and provided with adequate supervision and care at all times.

Can my 16-year-old bring my 6-year-old to their swimming lesson at the GLC?

Yes, however your 16-year must remain in the aquatics area and available if required throughout the lesson and at the conclusion of the lesson, to collect them from their swim teacher/coach.

My child is under 12 and wants to attend Freaky Friday?

Our Freaky Friday program runs the last Friday of each month 6.00pm -7.30pm and is for children aged 10-13. Parents and guardians will be required to register their child/children each time they attend the program. Children aged 12 or under, will require their parent/guardian to remain in the pool area and supervise within direct line of sight. If your child/children are aged 12 or 13, you will not be required to remain, however parents are encouraged.

My child attends squads in the GLC Learn to Swim Program?

If your child is under 12 and attends our Learn to Swim program, they are required to be accompanied into the centre by a person over the age of 16 and provide adequate supervision and care for that child at all times.

Do I need to remain with my child who is 11 years old in the pool area?

Yes, they must be constantly supervised within line of sight at all times by a responsible person over the age of 16 at all times.

My child is under 12 and has training or a game on the stadium courts?

Your child will need to be accompanied into the centre by a responsible person over the age of 16 and provided with adequate supervision and care at all times.

My child is under 12 and attends a GLC run fitness program?

If your child attends our Teenfit or other fitness programs and is under 12, you are required to sign your child into their session and collect your child from the GLC staff member at the end of session.

Can I hand over my child to their coach or teacher for their training session on the courts?

Yes, however you must ensure a responsible person over the age of 16 provides adequate supervision and care at all times.

Can I drop my 11 year and 8-year-old off for casual shots on the courts?

No, your child is not part of a club training session or program, they must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible person over the age of 16 and provided with adequate supervision and care at all times.

My 11-year-old child catches the bus to the GLC from school to attend swim training?

Your child must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible person over the age of 16 and provided with adequate supervision and care at all times.

My 11-year-old child walks to the GLC from school to attend a game in the stadium with their team, is this okay?

If your child is being met by their Coach or Club representative, who is over the age of 16 and will provide adequate supervision and care of your child whilst in the centre, this is acceptable.

If you have any questions or require any further clarification, please email your query to glc@busselton.wa.gov.au or contact the centre on 975 3600 to speak to the Duty Manager or Leisure Centres Coordinator, Mary Everuss.

