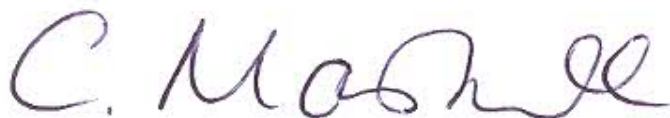


I am delighted to be able to provide the following testimony for Sholfins Swim School. As a school we have a duty of care to provide opportunities for our children which, they may not otherwise be able to access. Increasingly, the number of our children not being able to access swimming lessons outside of school has become increasingly a concern for us, as we believe this life skill is essential for all our children. The intake at Tenacres (IDACI DATA) is 44% of our children live in the 'most deprived' households compared to 20% Nationally. This contributes to reasons why our children do not have those opportunities. With Sholfins, we have all of our children accessing swimming from EYFS, Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) and Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage 2). So effectively by the time they leave us for Middle School the vast majority would have achieved this life skill.

The ethos held by Sholfins is reflective of our own and working in collaboration with them since September 2021 we have started swimming lessons. The children have absolutely loved these sessions. I attribute this to the thoughtful and skilful provision of Sholfins and their instructors. This is also reflective in the progress that all children have made from gaining confidence in the water and beyond, developing resilience, acquiring knowledge and understanding of water safety and achieving various stages of swimming awards.

The 'inclusive approach' of Sholfins ensures all of our children can access lessons whether the difficulties children experience are with learning, behavioural or other additional needs. The fact the instructors are in the water with the children impacts greatly on their confidence. The instructor's professionalism, caring nature and motivational approaches all contribute to the positive experiences for our children. Ultimately, the fun children have whilst learning this life skills for me, as a Headteacher has been joyous to see.



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