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The United Nations – Convention on the Rights of the Child states that a child should be protected from circumstances that are harmful to the child’s physical or mental development. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015) ‘requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change’.

Ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to learn skills of water competence and have extensive ‘experience of water’ specifically links to the goals of A More Equal Wales, A Healthier Wales and A Globally Responsible Wales. In addition to this the UK Drowning Prevention Strategy (2016, p.17) and the Wales Drowning Prevention Strategy (2020, p.25) set out to ‘promote and develop learning to swim and water safety education’ and ensure that ‘every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim and receive water safety education at primary school and where required at Key Stage 3’.

**Swim Wales and our collaborative partners wish to highlight the importance of learning to swim and developing water competence skills, not just for the associated health and wellbeing benefits but specifically for the potential to prevent drownings and save lives.**

Yours sincerely,

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