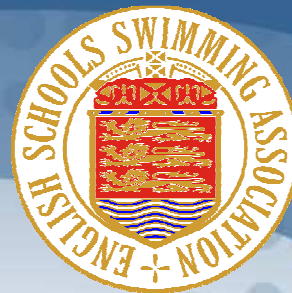


English Schools' Swimming Association

South East Division



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Dear Head of Sport / Head of PE

The English Schools Swimming Association has re-organised as of 1st September 2011 and Oxfordshire is now in the South East Division of the ESSA. The competition plan has also been changed and the first primary school event of the academic year is the ESSA National Primary Schools Relay competition which has National Finals in June 2012 in Sheffield.

As a result of the re-organisation ESSA Oxfordshire is now able to offer a County Round of the ESSA Primary Schools relays. This is a competition for the combined Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. I would like to offer your school the opportunity to compete in this years' competition for your school / club swimmers in your school. All events are 4 x 25m Freestyle and Medley Relays for both boys and girls. There are three sections depending on your year group size. If you have less than a combined total of 50 pupils in Yr 5 and Yr 6 then you can enter the small schools section (which can be a combination of boys and girls). Otherwise you must enter the girls and boys separately. All sections have a 4 x 25m Free Relay and 4 x 25m Medley Relay. The competition regulations will be available on the ESSA website soon.

The Oxon County Round is taking place on Friday 16th March 2012 at Dragon School, Oxford with a 1.00pm warm up and 1.30pm start. The event should be over by 3.30pm latest. There is very limited spectator viewing at this facility.

I appreciate that this is towards the end of next term but it would be great for as many schools in the county to enter teams. The County event will consist of heats and finals and the top three schools in the County Round will qualify for the Regional Finals being held in Southampton on Sat 28th April.

If you wish to enter your school into this year's competition please fill out and return the entry form to me by February half term (10th) by email and post. **Entries will close on Fri 10th February 2012 6.00pm.** All schools will be emailed a programme and final details by the end of February. Please find attached an entry form. There is a £3.00 Divisional Entry Fee per relay (eg Boys = £6.00 for both relays, Girls = £6.00, Small Schools = £6.00) (**Payable to ESSA South East Division**), which covers affiliation and administrative costs for the event.

All correspondence once entries are complete will be by email

The schools that qualify for the Regional Round can then qualify for the National Finals from that round.

Further details can be found on the ESSA Website [English Schools' Swimming Association Entry Page](#) soon.

I look forward to receiving your entry form before February half term and if you have any further queries please do email me or phone me at school.

Yours sincerely

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