

GUERNSEY SURF SCHOOL

INFORMATION

What to bring

It is essential for each surfer to bring:

- A Swimming Costume
- A Towel
- Sun-block (min. SPF 15)
- Plenty of Fluids (water recommended)
- Lunch or money for lunch or snacks
- Warm clothing and suitable wet weather gear

If your child has their own wetsuit, it's well worth bringing it. Also, if they have their own surfboard, they may bring it when their instructor advises them to do so (quite often we like to spend the first couple of days coaching them on a swell board, to enable them to improve their technique)

Beach Safety Lessons and Surf Life Saving

We believe that everyone who spends time in the ocean should have a basic knowledge of beach safety. We will also spend at least one session teaching surf lifesaving.

Lack of Surf

As much as we would love the surf to be perfect 365 days of the year, it isn't. However, it is very unlikely that we will get a whole 'surf-less' week. We aim to spend as much time in the surf as possible, so if we have a flat day, we will usually teach surf life saving, beach safety etc on this day, giving us more time in the surf when it does arrive!

Big Surf

We do not put anyone in the surf if we believe it may be dangerous. We will contact you as soon as possible if the surf is too big or dangerous.

Our Staff

All of our instructors are BSA qualified coaches and RLSS beachguards. We follow a strict set of guidelines set by the BSA/ISA and also our own written NOP's, EAP and Risk Assessments.

Bad Weather

Much like the surf, there is not much we can do to control the weather. Again, we aim to work our schedule around bad weather. We use classrooms and dry rooms when it is not suitable to operate outdoors, but we expect surfers to turn up with the appropriate clothing / wet weather gear. There are not many weather conditions we cannot deal with. Usually the sea is the best place to be if it is pouring with rain!

The only times we will cancel due to bad weather are:

- **Wind over a force 6**
- **Thunderstorms**
- **Torrential rain predicted for the whole day**

If we are unsure about the weather conditions, we will inform you the day before. However, we do not want to cancel if there is a possibility that the weather may change. We arrive at the beach at 07:30am and will phone as soon as possible if we have to cancel.

Cancelled Days

If for any reasons stated above, we have to cancel a day we will give each surfer a voucher for the day they have missed. They can use it during the winter or summer as they wish. Please note that we are unable to give refunds.

Snapshots

From time to time our coaches take a waterproof camera into the surf to capture images of the day's events. These photos are placed into a secure gallery on our website to be viewed and saved by parents. Should you wish not to have photos taken of your child, please write to the Guernsey Surf School prior to the programme's start date.

Placement

Places cannot be confirmed unless a completed registration form and full payment have been received.