



Update regarding the school's swimming pool

We regret that the swimming pool has been out of use for several months and the inevitable frustration that this has caused for pupils, staff and community users.

The swimming pool was initially closed due to a significant water leak during the summer holiday; this was repaired at the school's expense. Unfortunately, when the pool was refilled it failed a water quality test. On-going investigations have highlighted that to address the problem further repairs are required to the filtration system. The Estate Manager is currently in contact with contractors to clarify the scope and expense of necessary repairs.

The school's governors would like the pool to be operational for the pupils and community. However, they will need to be assured that this is feasible, affordable and sustainable (the school does not receive any additional funding to service a swimming pool). It is impossible to forecast a date when the pool might re-open until all of these factors are known and have been formally reviewed.

Portsmouth City Council has undertaken some on site survey work recently and is looking into a number of options regarding the school's site; this survey work has included the swimming pool. The various options remain under discussion and a formal update from Council representatives is not expected until January of next year at the earliest. It must be emphasised that no formal decision has been made regarding the pool's future that has been agreed by the school at this juncture. The school will update the community when more information is known.

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