



30th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, Portico Academy Trust has had to come to the very difficult decision to close the swimming pool on the site. The last swimming lessons will be at the end of this summer term.

In order to keep the pool running, to find and stop the leak running under it; to improve the ventilation so that steam no longer obscures the view of the teaching staff; to replace and enlarge the boilers; to improve the chemical dosing system to cope with the number of swimmers; to improve fire safety; to rebuild some of the building because of damage from damp; to improve hygiene in the toilet areas and even more works too numerous to mention would cost approximately £500,000.

Over the past year we have submitted a number of bids to try and obtain grants, we have approached influential people and swimming organisations. All of our attempts for funding have failed.

We will continue to search for funding to complete the necessary repairs and reopen the pool at a later date if possible.

In the meantime, Mrs Farrell and Mr Roche are exploring alternatives for swimming lessons for the schools. They will write to you once they have news.

Yours sincerely



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