



12 May 2023

Dear Customers,

Community Swimming Pool

On behalf of Colton Hills Community School I would like to apologise for the continued disruption to the use of the swimming pool facilities, due to ongoing planned refurbishment work.

The school decided to reinvest and enhance our community facilities as we know the swimming pool provides an essential service for our School, our local primary schools, community groups and the public. The refurbishment of the pool area and changing rooms is now complete and the last phase of work (new community boilers which heats the pool) was planned for this Summer 2023, when all community activities had completed their summer schedules.

Recently we have had to close the pool on two occasions relating to initial preparatory work for the summer replacement schedule because asbestos was found in the plant room. Unfortunately, last week the old boilers failed to restart and the replacement part will now take 2 weeks until it is delivered and may not solve the current mechanical problems.

Our intention was to provide a service until the summer break, but this has been thwarted by boilers which are now over 40 years old. Sadly, we have reluctantly taken the decision to close the facility and start the boiler replacement programme earlier, so we can reduce the impact on the Autumn term programme for everyone. The site team and contractors have done everything they can to keep us operational and I would like to thank them for their continued support.

This has not been an easy decision to make, because we know the impact it will have on everyone who uses this wonderful facility but feel we cannot guarantee a reliable service going forward.

The good news is in September we will have a new community facility fit for the 21st Century and we will be able to provide a sustainable and reliable service, that you can trust. Once again, we are sorry for the disruption and hope to see you back enjoying our pool and community facilities again soon.

Yours sincerely

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