

20 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Linwood Swimming Pool

We wanted to give you an update on the situation regarding the swimming pool at the Linwood Campus, which, as you are aware, we have been unable to use since it was assessed as being structurally unsafe in the autumn term of 2019.

Since that time, we have tried to seek specialist structural and financial advice with regard to the options for repair of the pool or repurposing of the area. Unfortunately, this has taken much longer than originally anticipated, not least because the Covid restrictions over the last 18 months have made it very difficult for contractors to access the area to undertake a full survey and assessment. However, this has now been undertaken and we are awaiting quotes which we have requested to be with us by 7 November 2021.

The Governing Board will then be holding an Extraordinary Meeting on 17 November to discuss the advice and costings received and to decide the best way to proceed.

It is important to note that there are very significant costs associated with all potential options for the pool, which are far beyond the current financial reserves of the school. That said, please be reassured that the Governors hold the best interests of the pupils at the heart of all decision making and will continue to do so in considering the options in this complex project.

Once a decision has been made, we will ensure that parents and carers and the whole school community are informed and consulted on how we intend to move forward.

Yours sincerely



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