



## **Vine Dengie Local Board**

### **St Cedd's & Southminster Church of England Schools**

## **Southminster Swimming Pool**

We deeply regret the necessity of the continued closure of the swimming pool. The works which are and will be undertaken are essential to address the health, safety and comfort of pool users and staff. The inconvenience and impact on individuals and the community are fully recognised but we must have regard to these vital concerns, and I am certain that all users of the pool and their families would want absolute assurance of their health and wellbeing.

We are working with a range of sources and taking advice to ensure the highest standards are met. This includes, David Burnham, Safeguarding Officer for Leisure and Community Services at Maldon District Council. Our aim is to ensure that the pool can return to full operation as soon as possible.

However, because of the time involved in creating specifications, obtaining quotes and scheduling works in order to address a range of repairs needed to the swimming pool, it is unlikely that it will re-open before the end of the Easter break. We are restricted by and working to, amongst other things, the requirements of our Financial, and Health and Safety Regulations.

Whilst we understand the frustration of the community during this period of closure, please be assured that we are working to make the swimming pool the best possible community resource it can be as soon as is possible. We will keep you informed and will post further information on the website including an actual proposed re-open date as soon as this is known.

Any urgent matters should be raised in writing and addressed to Executive Headteacher, Mrs P Ward, although please bear in mind the only information available at the present is stated above and there will be updates, when available, on the website.

Mike Simmonds  
Chair, Local Board  
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