



## **Vine Dengie Local Board**

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

UPDATE STATEMENT 27 June 2019

#### **Southminster CofE School Swimming Pool**

The new management arrangement, with the appointment of a Swimming Pool Manager, is enabling and ensuring the pool remains a significant provision for both the schools and the wider community.

Currently a number of potential providers have the indicated how they would like to contribute to the programme from September onwards. Over the next week or so the Pool Manager will be discussing with them such things as what they can provide, how they will staff each session, and provide the necessary and relevant qualifications.

The Pool Manager is therefore beginning to work on what the timetable will look like and as promised this will be communicated over the new few weeks and in time for users to register for the Autumn term. Whilst ensuring more swimming lessons are available for children from both Southminster and St Cedd's schools during the afternoons, there will also be more diverse activities provided for example, aqua pole and aqua yoga for pregnancy. We have confirmed that this timetable will be for daytimes, evenings and Saturday's. Advertising for swimming teachers with the relevant qualifications will begin next week.

You can be assured that the school and local board are taking decisions in the best interest of the school and the community. We have heard from many views, some conflicting, that have been taken account of even if it has not been possible for a variety of reasons to meet all expectations.

Meanwhile, thank you for your support for the school and the swimming pool. I understand that in a time of change it can be unsettling but our intention and expectation is that this will be any even more valuable provision for everyone.

I will update again before the end of the school term.

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