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Dear Customer

You will be aware following previous correspondence that the decision to close the swimming pool at South Hunsley School was taken by the Board of Directors of The Education Alliance in October 2015, following receipt of an independent report. A number of critical factors were considered as follows:

- The school classroom and social space at South Hunsley is insufficient for the number of students currently on roll.
- Growing student numbers in our current catchment is further compounding these issues and may mean that some catchment students would be unable to secure a place in the future unless we can increase classroom and social space. All catchment students and parents have to be our priority.
- The ability of the school to provide hot meals daily with suitable seated dining space for all students is already compromised due to the unexpected failure of one of the school's main kitchens.
- There is a shortage of indoor and supervised recreational space which is already acutely limited in wet weather conditions.
- The cost of bringing the swimming pool and related facilities to the required standard is expected to be in the region of a quarter of a million pounds and if the Trust invested in the pool, those cash resources would not be available for investment in curriculum/educational developments. There is no dedicated fund for the pool and the renewal sum far exceeds the entire annual curriculum budget for South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College.

After a careful considered review of the above factors and with great regret, the Board of Directors reluctantly felt they had to put the basic school needs first and found no alternative but to close the pool and develop the space into a much needed multi-functional area to meet the basic school needs as a priority. This space would provide additional kitchen and dining facilities, PE curriculum space, an exam and assembly hall and a space for community use out of school hours.

It is with this in mind that I must inform you that the pool will no longer be in use as of 22 July 2016. This decision has been a difficult decision to make and the Board of Directors has always been proud of its Sports Centre facilities and the high quality provision delivered through its Sports Centre workforce. Whilst the pool will no longer be in use as of the 22 July 2016, the Sports Centre will remain open, thus providing students and the community with high quality dry side leisure facilities.

Yours faithfully

Richard Swain
On behalf of the Board of Directors

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