

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS from October 2015 – four Q&A's added 9 February 2016

Q1	<i>When will the pool close?</i>
A	The pool will be closed at the end of the academic year, with the new facilities being available approximately 12 months after that.
Q2	<i>If the pool will not close until August 2016, why can this time not be used to work with the community to raise the funds necessary to repair the pool?</i>
A	<p>Because this is as much about critical space on the site as it is about funding. The school is very short on social space for dining, exams, sports etc. so much so that our catchment may need to change as new houses are built in catchment if the lack of social space is not addressed.</p> <p>We also have an issue that one of the school's kitchens has a problem with the ventilation and to repair it would be a significant cost and the dining facilities/space attached to it is also not fit for purpose.</p> <p>Financially it is not just about capital investment but also about who will cover the on-going losses of the sports centre each year. For many years the school has borne the financial burden of the deficit. In this current financial climate and with the changes to funding that the Government are proposing; it can no longer afford to do this.</p>
Q3	<i>Why can't the school build a new kitchen/dining hall instead of using the swimming pool space?</i>
A	It is significantly higher in cost to build a new building rather than re-use a current building. The central location of the swimming pool on the site is key and there is also very limited space on the site upon which to build. The new space will refurbish the present pool building
Q4	<i>In 2006 the ERYC provided the funds for a new pool liner and plant equipment. This was community funding and now the community will be unable to use the pool.</i>
A	The liner and equipment provided by ERYC only had a 10 year lifespan, which is due to expire next year. Therefore the funding has been fully utilised by the community. The pool lining is also currently failing.
Q5	<i>The original pool was built by the community, using community funds and therefore the school has no right to take this facility away.</i>
A	<p>The school has financially supported the pool for many years and the original value of the build cost/investment ran out many years ago.</p> <p>First and foremost South Hunsley is a school and has an obligation to the children aged 11-18 and their parents living in this catchment to provide the best education possible.</p> <p>The funds given to the school by the Government are for the education of students on roll. We are given no funds to sustain a community pool.</p> <p>Community facilities will still be available in the form of the gym, sports hall, HUB and 3G and grass pitches.</p>
Q6	<i>What does the school expect all the children who use the pool from schools and for swimming lessons to do now?</i>
A	The School will work proactively with all users to help them seek alternative provisions. The 11 nearest swimming venues are: Haltemprice Leisure Centre, Albert Avenue Pool, Beverley Road Baths, Beverley Leisure Centre, East Hull Pool, Willerby Manor, Mercure Willerby, Cave Castle, The Village, Total Fitness, DW Fitness
Q7	<i>Will there be any other changes to the sports centre?</i>

A	No, and the community will be encouraged to make use of the new space.
Q8	<i>How much will the pool cost to refurbish and how costly will it be thereafter?</i>
A	<p>The pool has received estimates of around £192,928.80 to repair the pool and the plant equipment (this includes the VAT as the school would be unable to reclaim this). The loss of income, staff wages during this period and the refurbishment of the changing rooms and a contingency means the true cost to the school would be £250k</p> <p>‘The Affordability of Community Swimming Pools’ from Sport England states that a pool would have to be open Monday to Friday 6am to 10.30pm and Saturday and Sunday 7am – 10.30pm to remain viable. It must also have occupancy of at least 28 swimmers per hour for every hour that the pool is open. According to Sports England, the target annual income for an equivalent sized pool to the one at South Hunsley to break even is £607,564.</p> <p>The school is not in a position to allow the general public access to the centre of its site over these extended hours due to safeguarding issues.</p>
Q9	<i>How long has the school been planning to meet the growing population in its catchment?</i>
A	The Board of Directors have worked over the last 3 years on developing a site strategy plan to accommodate catchment children. We have been one of the most successful schools in the country in gaining funding for its plans and presently the construction of the 10 classroom extension is ongoing.
Q10	<i>Has the school been offered money from ASA or the council to keep the pool open and ensure its ongoing viability through an annual support grant.</i>
A	No. The school has not been offered any money from the ASA or the council. Research into funding sources has shown such grants and annual support is not available.
Q11	<i>What is planned for the new facility?</i>
A	The space will provide additional kitchen and dining facilities, PE curriculum space, an exam and assembly hall and a space for community use out of school hours.

Finally, just to reiterate some of the key facts that we sent out in the recent Swimming Pool update on 8 February 2016.

- All funding received from EFA/central government must be solely for the purpose of educating our students.
- The number of students living within the catchment area is growing and as a result the school has extended the number of classrooms but now needs to support this by extending other related facilities. Play space is now at an absolute premium.
- Since September 2015, only students living in catchment, attending feeder primary schools or who are siblings of existing students have been initially allocated places at South Hunsley School.

Whilst we fully appreciate the community effort 45 years ago to raise money for the individual outdoor pool construction, the school’s priority has to be the needs of our students and the education of children. We must concentrate on our core purpose which is to secure the very best education and outcomes for our local children