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Dear Parent/Carer

The Hunsley Trust Board have recently commissioned a report in to the swimming pool to review the options available based on the school's limited financial resources and the poor and deteriorating condition of the pool. The cost of bringing the swimming pool and related facilities up to the required standard is expected to be in the region of quarter a million pounds. The sports centre has always operated in a deficit position and the Trust can no longer see capital investment in the swimming pool as a feasible option. If Trust funds were invested in the pool, those cash resources would not be available for investment in curriculum and 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.

Alongside this, we have also been undertaking a review of the site to ensure that the growing number of students in our catchment area will continue to have a place at South Hunsley with access to the best possible education and social facilities. Consideration was given to the following:

- The school classroom and social space is insufficient for the number of students currently on roll.
- Growing student numbers in our current catchment are 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.

After careful considered review of the above factors, the Board of Directors feels that basic school needs and those of our students and parents must come first. Consequently, it has been decided by the Directors of the Trust, to close the swimming pool and to develop this space into a much needed multi-functional area for students. This 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 which will be available for use by our partner primary schools.

It will also secure our current catchment area and ensure that all catchment students are able to attend South Hunsley School and Sixth Form in years to come.

The Board of Directors sees no further changes to any other sports centre facilities other than the swimming pool. Therefore the current opening hours of the sports centre and the gym and the availability to hire the sports hall, dance studio, Hub and 3G pitch remain unchanged.

If you would like to see a copy of Hunsley Trust's Statement and the report alongside information on the proposed new facility, please go to the school's website at www.southhunsley.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

The Board of Directors
Hunsley Trust