

# Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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Dear Parent and Carers

## Waterhouses Swimming Pool

I am writing to you today to bring you up to date regarding the school swimming pool. It has been incredibly frustrating for all of us not to be able to make use of the fantastic facility that we have here over the past year.

Some of you may be aware that the use of indoor swimming pools could commence on April 12th if all government targets are met regarding COVID 19.

I am very sorry to have to say that due to several reasons, we will be unable to open the pool when school re-starts after the Easter break. I will outline the reasons for you in the paragraphs below.

The swimming pool currently has a leaking roof, and repairs need to be made to it before the pool can re-open. We are currently awaiting prices for this work, and also the likely timescales for when this work can be completed.

As you will know from previous communications regarding the pool, we have not had our trained staff member in school to operate and maintain the pool to the appropriate safety standards. This continues to be the case currently.

There are also a number of restrictions that are in place regarding the use of swimming pools, both when in the water and in the changing rooms. Social distancing is to be maintained when using the pool and the changing facilities. Due to the small changing rooms we have, this means that only 5 children can use each changing room. This impacts on us as a school and those that let the pool from us in terms of the viability of others hiring the pool. The letting fees from third parties contribute toward the costs of running the pool. Income the school receives is therefore likely to be significantly reduced as a result.

We are also conscious of not having more people on the school site than is necessary. Opening the pool will increase the numbers of people on site and increase the chances of COVID 19 infections.

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Due to the reasons above the Local Governors do not believe that it is currently viable to re-open the pool during the summer term.

We will provide an update to you again later in the summer term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Wood".

David Wood  
Headteacher