



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Continued Closure of our School Pool**

I hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, the learner pool at our school has been closed since October 2023. Our current swimming provision is based at Helston Pool for Years 6, 5, and 4, focussing on our children leaving primary school able to swim (as outlined in the National Curriculum).

Over the past few months, a working party of school governors have been consulting with stakeholders and exploring various options for the future of the onsite pool.

The working group came to the really difficult conclusion that, because so much has changed since the pool was originally built that it would be extremely complicated and expensive to replace the pool, like for like, in its current position.

When considering all the factors it became clear that, over the years, the school site has become much more crowded than when the pool was built, now containing double the buildings and pupils it would have had in the 1970s. For the current pupils, outdoor space for play and learning, particularly for children in Reception, has become extremely limited, and needs to be seen as a priority.

A further significant factor is that modern Safeguarding standards would make it very difficult to facilitate community use of the pool in its current location, being sat as it is, in the heart of the school site during operational hours.

The final challenge is of course funding. It won't have escaped your notice that all school buildings have been under funded and poorly invested in for decades. The funding that schools receive simply won't stretch to the costs of running a swimming pool, not without cutting other significant parts of the school's offer. The reason the pool had to be closed was that the school hasn't been able to afford the required levels of maintenance for many years, and the building had slipped into a state beyond economic repair.

This was a hugely difficult conclusion to arrive at since the pool has been an integral part of the life of Parc Eglos School. Generations of children have learned to swim in the pool. Indeed, there are many parents and even grandparents who fondly remember the times they spent swimming at Parc Eglos.

However, the working group are determined to move forward in a positive way and are proposing to explore ways to create a new learner pool for the school and the wider community either on the edge of the school site, to facilitate community access more easily, or indeed find another suitable site within the town. This will include exploring fund-raising options and feasibility studies for a new location.

The trustees of Crofty Education Trust are happy to support the school with this proposal, recognising the importance of a learner pool within the Parc Eglos community. They also recognise the benefits of creating more outdoor play space for the existing pupils at the school so are planning to repurpose the swimming pool site as an Early Years outdoor play area. This will have a hugely positive impact on the experiences of the children in their first years at school and free up space for the older children in the playgrounds. It is envisaged that this work would probably be scheduled to take place in the six-week summer break.



The working group will now look to create a community working party to move forward with the proposal to re-site the pool. This group will have the full support of the school and the trust, for example access to meeting rooms or support from the Trust's shared services team. **If you are interested in joining this working group, please complete the Registering an Interest form, by clicking [here](#).**

We will continue to keep you informed as the situation progresses and will provide further updates as soon as there are developments. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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