



# Public Meeting



**'Future of the School Pool'**

**Presented by:  
The Working Party**

# Welcome

## Working Party Members:

Sonia Strickland	Headteacher
Deborah Manning	Deputy Head
Sally Whyte	Teacher
Susie Dutton	Chair of Governors
Cath Yelland	PTA
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Working party was formed at the PTA meeting on 06<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The Working Party has been set up with this question in mind:

**‘Should the PTA Continue to fund the Swimming Pool’**

# 4 Key Issues:

1 – Financial: Is it worth the money?

2 – The impact on curriculum

3 – Quality of tuition

4 – Impact on community

# Pool Costs

- PTA paid **£9,304** in 2017 on electric, maintenance and chemicals. A further **£2,516** is to be paid out before it would re-open in June 2018.
- Open for 6 weeks
- Swimming tuition £2,693 (£2,080 voluntary contributions by parents and £693 paid by the school)
- Summer swimming – Additional cost involved in pool maintenance, electric and the provision of staff (lifeguard and a member of school staff has to be on site to reach the required levels of health and safety and school public liability insurance)
- Income – Sponsored swim figures for 2016 **£761.50** and 2017 **£2259**

# Summer Swimming

Cartwrights feel it is no longer commercially viable for them to provide a lifeguard in return for use of the pool for morning lessons. Other swim schools have been approached but are not willing to take on the Pool at Little Hallingbury School

Chemical treatment of the water three times a day

£10 million public liability insurance

Increase in health and safety regulations means chairs had to be removed from poolside.

# Research:

## **Leventhorpe – Sawbridgeworth (8 mins light traffic)**

- Free to use
- LHS would have to find lifegaurds and swim instructors
- Insurance
- Available Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings
- The pool is possibly closing for refurbishment
- Transport cost

## **Grange Paddocks – Bishop's Stortford (10 mins light traffic)**

- £2.35 per child per half an hour (KS2 cost £110.45)
- Transport costs
- Uncommunicative
- Changing rooms are separate boys/girls and open to the public
- Covered by their insurance

## Harlow LeisureZone – Harlow (18 mins light traffic)

- £37 per half an hour with a maximum of 32 children
- 3 instructors and 3 lifeguards
- Covered by their insurance
- Available from February half term on Mondays from 11-12am
- Transport costs
- Total cost for KS2 - **£4256** price for 19 weeks
- Very helpful
- Changing rooms are mixed but very secure and will not be open to the public
- Small learner pool and a 25m pool with depth from 1.2m up to 1.9m

# The impact it has on the curriculum

## **Swimming and water safety**

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-physical-education-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-physical-education-programmes-of-study#swimming-and-water-safety>

# Staff Feedback

- EYFS – Positive feeling about keeping the pool open. It builds children's confidence in a nice small pool. Only negative is that teachers are expected to be down at the pool but the support of an LSA covers this.
- KS1 – Size of the groups are good when it is a small class. It does interrupt the curriculum but its manageable. There is quite a lot of time wasted in changing rooms.
- KS2 – Feel that because it is on site no time is wasted in travel. Easy to observe and communicate feedback to children. A shallow pool helps increase confidence in those children who are nervous swimmers
- General – The depth of the pool means that the children don't have to have too much stamina and because of this it does not develop their strokes very well. It can also be very tight on space in the pool as it is small.

# Quality of tuition

- Currently Cartwrights provide swimming tuition. All teachers are STA/RLSS/ASA standard
- Size of pool – By Year 1 most children can touch the bottom of the pool
- Other swim providers provide the same quality of swimming tuition.

# Impact on the community

Built in 1975 by the school PTA at that time.

2017 saw the first year that the local nursery did not use the pool.

Many summers spent by local people at this pool.



# Questions & Answers