

FAO Parents/Carers
Queen Elizabeth's School

17 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know that QE Leisure Centre (QELC) in Wimborne will no longer operate as a public leisure centre from the end of March after Dorset Council cut funding and withdrew from running the centre.

We have explored every possible way of maintaining the leisure centre offer, including through partnerships with private operators, but without significant capital investment it simply is not viable.

Whilst this is deeply disappointing news, I want to reassure you that students will continue to have full access to the facilities and will continue to receive a first-class education in sport and fitness. This includes the gym, sports hall, dance studio, hard court, athletics area and newly re-laid and refurbished astro-turf pitch. The swimming pool will be available after the completion of planned works.

We also recognise the important role that QELC plays in the local community, and we are developing opportunities for clubs and community groups to hire the facilities.

As ever, please do get in touch if you have any questions through the school office in the usual way.

Kind regards



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