



# HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents, Members of HSL and the Highdown Community,

We are in the difficult position that one of our main boilers has failed. This affects one third of our site. This means that our pool and accompanying changing facilities will remain closed until the boiler is replaced. PE lessons in the fitness suite, gym and outside can, of course, proceed as usual.

This position has arisen because our bids over the last two years to the Education and Skills Funding Authority (the agency which funds capital projects and refurbishment of schools) have been rejected on the grounds that the boiler replacement is not sufficiently urgent.

We are now in dialogue with this authority to supply us with Emergency Capital Funding to do the necessary replacements and works. It is sad that the situation had to reach breaking point for action to be possible. The School has been trying to secure the appropriate funding to plan and manage our facilities in a timely fashion.

We have had to pursue insurance claims prior to the ESFA considering Emergency Capital Funding, this has taken time as the insurance company has, understandably, rejected the claim as the failure is due to wear and tear of an old boiler.

Whilst we share the frustrations that this news will cause our community, please be assured that we are in daily contact with the relevant authorities to secure this funding and progress the necessary works.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rachel Cave  
Headteacher

