



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

## **St Martins Sports Centre & Swimming Pool**

As you will now all be aware the air handling unit in the pool stopped working during February half term. Although it was regularly serviced it had been in place for around 15 years.

After long negotiations with the Council it was decided that they would progress with replacing the unit like for like. We were told an order was placed at the end of March and that the turn-around for this bespoke item would be around 6 - 7 weeks. It would then take a few more weeks for delivery and installation. In the mean-time the school would gather quotes for pool liner and replacement of doors and re-decoration due to humidity damage.

We had a further meeting with the Council last week and were told that the unit had, in fact, not been ordered. After consultation with their senior surveyors it was decided that a like for like unit would no longer be feasible or cost effective as the pool usage had grown. In order to purchase a larger unit they have had to put forward a bid for extra funding. We have been told that they should know the results of this bid, at the earliest, the end of this week. Or at the latest, the end of next. If successful this larger unit would take slightly longer to make. This would mean that it may not be installed until the end of June or beginning of July.

Once the building, electrical and mechanical work has been completed the school can then complete the re-decoration etc. This would mean that the pool would not be open again until the new term in September 2016.

We are so, so sorry for all the inconvenience this has caused and we do appreciate your patience and loyalty. However, come September we hope that the pool and associated areas will become the school and community facilities we always wanted and the community will start to feel like the Centre belongs to them again.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Lovecy  
Head of School