



8 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Plymouth High Netball Courts Out of Action**

I am writing to you regarding the temporary closure of the netball courts at Plymouth High School for Girls. This space will be closed for the foreseeable future due to a sinkhole that has appeared in a large area of the court, positioned centrally in our outdoor space.

We have learned from a recent survey that the air raid shelters that are below the courts are the reason for the subsidence.

As you would imagine, it is our duty to ensure the safety of our staff and students is our highest priority. We are dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for all those working and learning within our school community, so we have taken the precautions to do that.

To enable all of our staff and students to enjoy a large outdoor space for breaks within a safe environment, we have requested that our members of staff park off-site to allocate the closed car park areas for students and staff to use.

We have scheduled a number of PE lessons offsite as a result of the reduced space onsite to ensure that our PE curriculum can continue.

Our Head of Estates, James Fenlon, and Regional Facilities Manager, Darren Berrey are working closely with external contractors to resolve this issue at the earliest convenience, following further surveys and structural work required to reopen the court. You will be updated on any significant steps towards the reopening of the school's netball courts.



Thank you for your understanding and continued support of Plymouth High.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Simon Underdown.**  
**Headteacher.**