

Customer Notice from East Devon District Council, Colyton Grammar School and LED

Colyton Leisure Centre is located on the Colyton Grammar School campus and is managed by East Devon District Council's leisure provider LED Leisure Management Ltd (LED), which manages a range of classes and other activities.

Under the current arrangement, the School uses the building during the school day, save for 2 hours per school day when LED is permitted to use the dance studio at agreed times. In recent times this shared use during the school day has become increasingly difficult as the result of increasingly stringent safeguarding regulations and growing pupil numbers. Over the past 6 months this has resulted in workaround solutions needing to be found and community uncertainty over whether this day time community use would continue.

In light of these challenges, the School, LED and the District Council have made the difficult yet appropriate decision for LED to withdraw from the leisure centre during the school day for the 2019/20 academic year. This change is not permanent and will be reviewed again ready for the 2020/21 academic year. All parties have worked to identify alternative arrangements for school-day community use classes, but while to date no solution has been identified, ways continue to be sought to accommodate community use.

From 2nd September 2019, community use during the school day in term-time will cease for the forthcoming academic year, to allow the school to make full use of the sports hall and studio space, and to alleviate safeguarding concerns. LED will continue to operate classes and all other regular activities after school, at weekends and throughout the school holidays.

LED understands the importance of continuity, so in order to offer customers a variety of exercise classes in the local area, the LED team is exploring alternative options and have a varied timetable of activities across the Axminster, Seaton and Sidmouth sites. These aim to offer something for everyone and LED members are able to use all LED facilities across East Devon and South Somerset. Full details are being published at the Centre but are also available on the website.

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