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## Dear Quantum Leap members

It has taken a lot of thought and it is with a heavy heart that Quantum Leap Gymnastics Club will close its doors on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

We think it is only fair that we give you as members plenty of notice. Right up until the day of closure we will continue to provide the quality of coaching our gymnasts have always received. **All our recreational** sessions will continue to provide gymnastic progression through our club badge work.

All our Development Squad, Pre-squad and Squad groups will continue to train in their partnerships and work towards the competitions that are already in the competition calendar. These are City of Lancaster Invitational 28<sup>th</sup> April, Southampton Inter-regional finals 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May, NDP Finals 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May and the NW Open Tariff 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June.

The timing has been carefully considered to enable our members to think about their own futures moving forwards from the 6<sup>th</sup> July and fits in with coming towards the end of the British Gymnastics Membership year.

We have always been very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of coaches who have always provided good quality gymnastics experiences for all our members. All our coaches have full time job commitments and families in addition to the hours they put into Coaching and attending competitions for Quantum Leap gymnastics. Many hours are voluntary and away from home and families. After much discussion, looking to the future, we have collectively decided going forward, closing our gymnastics club is the right thing to do.

We have thought very carefully about how best to communicate this news. Whilst holding a meeting and informing you face to face would have been the preferred way. We were very conscious and appreciate that not all our members would be able to attend at any one specific time. Therefore, we felt the fairest and politest way to inform every member simultaneously would be to email this letter to you all at the same time.

We all owe a great deal of gratitude to St Bede's High School for the fantastic opportunity and facilities they have provided us with in establishing and allowing us to create such an amazingly successful club. Most of our appreciation certainly goes to Mr Bentley who has supported us relentlessly throughout our whole journey, without his continuous help, support and guidance we would not be able to celebrate all our great achievements.

For the dedication and time our coaches, gymnasts and parents put into our club it isn't just a job or a hobby to us gymnastics is very much a life style. As coaches we feel it has been an absolute privilege to have had such a big role in the growing and development of your children.

We fully welcome, appreciate and expect that you have questions or would like to comment on this news. Please respect that any questions you may have will be addressed in person in the gym and not by text or email. We will hold an open meeting for all our members this Wednesday  $27^{th}$  March in the Sports Hall at 6:15pm-6:45pm to which you are very welcome to attend. If for any reason you are unable to attend at this time but would still like to speak to us, please come in at any of the times we are open.

## Kindest Regards

All the Coaches at Quantum Leap Gymnastics