



## ST. EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ashley Dalton MP

We are the School Council of St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School in New Church Farm, Skelmersdale. We are writing to express our unhappiness at the news of the local pool Nye Bevan, Skelmersdale closing down. We use the pool twice a week to learn how to swim. We feel the pool is a very important place because:

- We learn about water safety. There is a river in our area and when it rains the river can become quite swollen. There is a danger that children can fall into river and if they cannot swim they will drown.
- It is a place where people exercise and therefore it helps them to be healthy. This can have an affect people's mental health.
- Some children may be very good at swimming and could become an Olympic swimmer, but if they do not have the opportunity to learn or practise this is an opportunity which will taken away from them.
- Learning to swim can help you to learn other activities such as scuba diving, synchronise swimming, paddle boards and kayaking.
- Swimming is good fun.
- This effects the whole community, other schools, babies learning how to swim and older people keeping fit. The swimming pool is a hub for people where they can make friends and socialise.
- All children in all schools will be affected.
- Not all parents can afford swimming lessons so it is important we attend as a school so that all children can learn to swim and be safe.
- Not everyone has a car and because of either poor public transport or not having enough money families will not be able to use the swimming pools in other areas.
- If we do not have a swimming pool in Skelmersdale many children will not be able to learn how to swim, which is a statutory right.

We suggest that you could close one pool down and keep one pool open. We feel that as the children in Ormskirk have access to the swimming pool in Tarleton, the council should close Ormskirk pool and keep Nye Bevan pool open.

We would be very grateful if you could take our concerns into consideration when you are making the final decision.

Yours faithfully

The School Council and the children of St. Edmund's

*'Growing together in God's Family'*

# EYFS

Michael



9/11/15

# Year One and Two

Mrs Michelle Nickson

Bella

Mrs Dawn Fletcher

Emmie

Emmanuel

Grace

MAXL

Clayton

max

ISAWC Alicia

kamsi

Paddy

Hymie

MOE

Moyley

Lila

# Year Three and Four

ENZO

Ria

fellipe.

ALEXIA

awato

Lylab

IBRLEM

AVA - crack

Harper

Aron

Zak

Edward

Igor

David

Tialeigh

matthew,

Benjamin

Coral

Zain

Mrs Rowland

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Mrs Georgia Buckley

Michael Galligan

Darcy Castley

Ronin Mercer

Kyia sury

Aiden Loch

Lepi Mives

Aida Ryan

Skyler davies

Michael Sudworth

Luia Miller Kegan

DANIEL LEMMON

Kai Gudimati

David Gabriel Basceanu

Bobby Betty

Marty Rogers

Anaya Kamran

Lili Gluz

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