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**From:**  
**Sent:** 22 June 2016 01:49  
**To:** ECS-CRM Sutherland  
**Subject:** Proposed closure of Kinbrace primary school.

Dear Mr Northedge,

I am writing to make my view known on the proposed closure of Kinbrace primary school.

I feel that the costs that would be incurred to re-open are not sustainable in the present economic climate.

We are losing PSA, cleaners and janitors hours all over the highlands - how can it be possible to justify re-opening a school at such great cost, especially when the prospective pupils concerned are already attending and fully integrated (as far as I can see) in Helmsdale primary.

As a parent of pupils in Helmsdale primary school, I am obviously concerned about the impact the re-opening of Kinbrace would have.

How many hours would we lose our already hard pressed head teacher for?

Would Mrs Gill be willing to continue as a cluster head, managing two schools with all the extra work involved?

If not then we would have more disruption at Helmsdale.

Would the resources at helmsdale be diminished? Would we lose visiting teacher hours - PE etc?

Where will the extra money to open Kinbrace come from? Would it even be possible to attract a suitable candidate to teach there?

Apart from the travelling time for the children involved, I fail to see what other benefits are to be had from going to a smaller school. So much learning is done nowadays through group activities and socialising that in my opinion it would actually be to the detriment of the children involved?

I have to conclude (as a tax payer) that given all of the above, I feel that to re-open Kinbrace would be a drain on resources we cannot afford.

Yours, .