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Sent: 22 June 2016 09:40
To: ECS-CRM Sutherland
Subject: Kinbrace Primary School

Dear Sir,

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the consultation on the re-opening of Kinbrace Primary School later this evening, but would like to comment on the above.

I am not supporting the re-opening of the school at this time for the following reasons:

1. I do not believe that the social and emotional well being of the Kinbrace pupils is best served by being educated in such a small group.
2. I believe that the subsequent reduction in role at Helmsdale Primary school if pupils were to be educated in Kinbrace instead would reduce class sizes in Helmsdale, reducing the choice of friends for the children there and possibly impacting on the number and distribution of teaching and support staff within Helmsdale, which I believe would be detrimental to the academic and social education of all of the pupils involved.
3. I believe that it would be difficult to recruit a long term member of staff to teach in Kinbrace, resulting in a succession of supply teachers for the Kinbrace pupils, which would not best serve the educational needs of those children.
4. I do not believe that there are enough educational or social benefits to the re-opening of Kinbrace school to make it worth while spending the considerable sums of money necessary to re-open and maintain the school, in the current economic climate I believe that this money would be much better spent if it were allocated to more LSA hours, or improved resources (or even better a couple of additional teachers) within the currently open schools in Sutherland.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments,
Regards