

Good evening,

I'm writing to ask you to reconsider the closure of Duror School. This school has been an integral part of our community for generations. Although I do understand that it is not viable with just 2 pupils, it seems short-sighted to shut it down altogether when it is already established that there are enough pre-school age children in the community currently to make it viable again in the near future. Perhaps the council would consider alternatives, such as using it as specialized classrooms (e.g. for horticulture and outdoor education), or as a nursery, with adult evening classes, to help make it pay its way until it is fully populated again?

A recent community consultation event I attended suggested that there is a desire in our community to encourage more young families to move into the area. Local groups and businesses, and developing facilities such as the community centre will help attract these families, but the loss of a school the children can walk or cycle to each day along our fabulous cycle path may be a deterrent.

Therefore, I would be very grateful if, instead of closing the school permanently, you would consider possible alternatives.

Thank you

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