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Fwd: keep Bellingham middle school open

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Hi both

Am I right in forwarding these to you?

Thanks

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Dear Cath McEvoy

RE: New proposal for education in West of Northumberland

I am a parent of 2 children in years 5 and 7 at Bellingham Middle School. I attended a meeting at school and I would like to oppose the new proposal and ask you to support the school in staying open and remaining in a 3 tier system. I feel it is the only option for our young children in our rural community, not only for the impact on the children but the community as a whole. With no middle school many families will simply choose to move out of the villages thus having a huge socially detrimental effect. We live in Byrness which is already a 45+ minute journey to Bellingham Middle school and appreciate that there will always be the need to travel, however, to make my youngest daughter travel even longer distances of over 3 hours a day at the age of only 11 is unacceptable and feel it will have a negative impact on her learning and quality of life. It was not so long ago the children were encouraged to walk to school and lead a healthier out of school life however it now seems ok to keep them on a bus for longer periods at an earlier age thus reducing their after school time which would be better spent doing activities, sports and developing as young people should be allowed to do.

I urge you to keep Bellingham Middle open in the existing 3 tier system.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards, Lynda Bull