

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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**Claire Urmston – Email regarding agenda item 6
Specials Schools Consultation**

To Councillor Laura Mayes – Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills

Email letter

Dear Laura Mayes,

I'm writing to you in utter outrage at the continued steamroller that is the Special School proposal.

How the council can in any way think that this is best for our children I cannot fathom.

There are many, many reasons to list as to why this is the wrong decision for our children (may I remind you again they are OUR children, not yours, ours, part of our family and we know them the best).

Wiltshire Council have paid lip service to us, the parents and families of the most vulnerable members of your community, and decided that despite not living in their shoes or being on that path with us that you know best. Well I'm afraid to say you don't.

That child that I live to protect, that I gave up my job for, that I value hugely as a part of my beautiful family, that has taught me so much about life through different eyes, that with the right guidance will be a very significant part of his community is being astronomically failed by the penny-pinching, heartless team that supposedly represent us. Well you aren't speaking with my voice, that's for sure, or the hundreds of families for whom this is the most wrong decision.

If you could see the detrimental this WILL have on my family then I hope you can sleep well at night, because I can reassure you that this 24/7 situation of having two children with significant SEN keeps me awake.

I have no other choice but to home school my son when he finishes his primary education. I hope the money will be there to support my needs (physical and mental) as well as those of my family.

Disgusted doesn't come close.

Claire Urmston