

## Wavelengths Pool Closure

The need for significant maintenance work combined with the day-to-day running costs, appear to have made the pool financially unviable in the eyes of the council.

While we recognise that years of austerity have stretched resources to the limit, we believe that this swimming pool is a vital asset to the most deprived, densely populated and ethnically diverse ward in Lewisham. Its swift refurbishment and reopening should therefore be a priority.

Furthermore, the huge amount of development taking place in Lewisham, and in Evelyn ward in particular, is bringing in money that should be invested in the health and wellbeing of the community.

You, more than most, will recognise the huge task ahead of us as we support our children to recover from the pandemic. Young people need happy and safe places to have fun and be healthy with their families now more than ever.

Needless to say, there will also be a significant impact on the availability of swimming lessons which are of such crucial importance to the children we teach, especially as so many of our young people live in close proximity to the river and the docks.

In the space of nine days, 3000 people have signed our petition to keep the pool open suggesting a huge amount of local support. We would love to have the support of you as individuals and your school community too. Here are some ideas for how you may be able to help:

1. Sign the petition and circulate as widely as possible  
<https://www.change.org/savewavelengths>
2. Write to the Mayor ([damien.egan@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:damien.egan@lewisham.gov.uk)), Andre Bourne ([clr\\_andre.bourne@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:clr_andre.bourne@lewisham.gov.uk)) and Brenda Dacres ([clr\\_brenda.dacres@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:clr_brenda.dacres@lewisham.gov.uk)) in your capacity as a Lewisham Headteacher stating your support for the campaign
3. Follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and share our campaign posts on your social media channels
4. Suggest that parents may like to write to their councillors <https://www.writetothem.com/> using the model letter here <https://docs.google.com/.../1SQzSu5vVdjBFso3bFBd4.../edit...>
5. Take up the campaign in school with pupils and students as an active citizenship project: children could make posters, write letters to the mayor or make a short video explaining why they think the leisure pool should be saved

We very much hope that with a strong showing of community support, the future of this brilliant pool can be rapidly secured.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie O'Reilly, a local parent and teacher, on behalf of the Save Wavelengths Campaign.

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