

Motion 9 - EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Proposed by Councillor Wendy Clements

Seconded by Councillor Cherry Povall

Council welcomes the increasing numbers of children attending 'good' or 'outstanding' schools in the Borough and increasing levels of achievement and attainment at all stages.

Council believes that only a wide range of schools, catering for the needs of all Wirral's children, can ensure that no child is left behind and that all children reach their full potential.

Council is therefore opposed to proposals by the Labour Party to abolish the independent Kingsmead School and Birkenhead School, as part of a misguided attempt to play politics with 1,000 children and their futures. Such a policy will also harm the children who need the greatest support, regardless of their parents' ability to pay.

Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council to write to both schools to reassure them of the Council's support.