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Dear Debenham Community Swimming Pool Committee,

As Headteacher of Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School in Debenham I am writing to confirm our interest in using the new covered pool that you are proposing to build within the school grounds.

The old outdoor pool is no longer suitable or in an appropriate condition for the school to use and so we are only able to offer swimming lessons to year 4 for one term within the school calendar.

This arrangement is highly unsuitable as the journey to the nearest pool takes 30 minutes in both directions and means that for a half hour lesson in the water the pupils are away from school for a whole morning. The cost of transportation severely restricts the number of pupils who can access swimming each year.

When the new pool is in place we would want to offer all our pupils at least one half hour lesson per week as part of their PE entitlement. We would also envisage that we would want to run some extra curricular sessions after school.

We currently have 208 pupils on roll and have 13 additional nursery pupils.

It is our intention to pay an agreed rate to the swimming pool management committee to cover the costs of our usage of the pool.

Safeguarding arrangements would be put in place to allow for public access to the school site at specified times of the school day.

Outside of the school day security would be the responsibility of the management committee.

We look forward with anticipation to the building of the new community pool as it will be a great asset for both the residents of Debenham and also to the surrounding villages.

We wish you every success with your grant application.

Yours truly,

Jane Taylor