

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMUNITY CHURCH SCHOOL



Opening
School
Facilities



Watchet



£8,000



CYP,
SEND pupils,
Community



Swimming

Project Overview

Knights Templar were funded to provide curriculum, extra curricular and community swimming opportunities to their pupils and community. They are situated in Watchet, an area that suffers the effects of rural isolation as well as an area of high socio economic deprivation.

As part of this they delivered curriculum and extra-curricular sessions to their pupils, including SEND sessions 3 times a week, and developed a marketing strategy with website and online booking system to open the pool for community use.



"We live a long way from any other pool so we hardly ever go as a family so I am really pleased that I can swim every week after school"

Impact

Increased
community use

Widening access to swimming

Improvements in
attendance and
behaviour

Saving the pool
from closure

Enjoyment

"For some pupils it gives them a reason to come to school. As well as the obvious physical and life skill benefits there are definite knock ons to attendance and behaviour and when that happens, attainment will benefit. So the benefits of regular swimming are multiple"

Recommendations for other schools

1. Use external help

Staff are often already overwhelmed, if you can use funding on external support, things are likely to happen more quickly!

2. Set up a website and booking system

This has led to a huge increase in community usage, across the whole year, including organised groups, clubs, private hires, kids parties.

