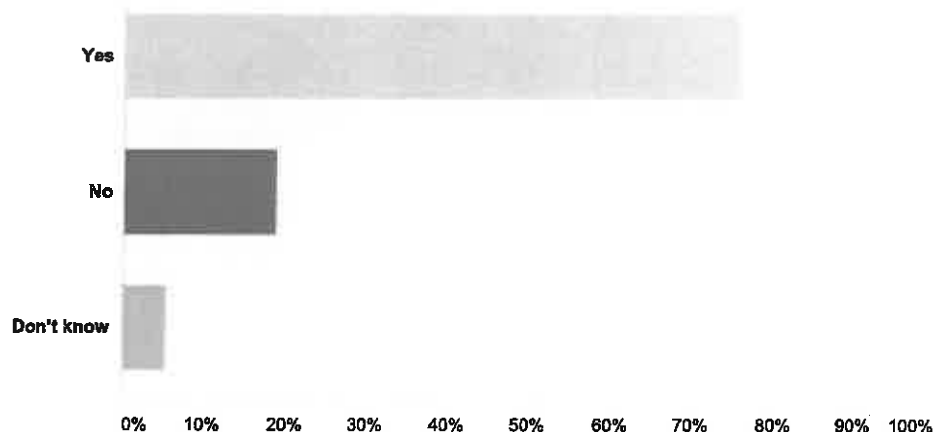


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### Q1 Do you think a change to the oversubscription criteria would improve the overall fairness of the admission arrangements for the majority of families?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	75.81%	630
No	18.77%	156
Don't know	5.42%	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>831</b>

#	Any further comments	Date
1	Please revert to your previous policy. It is unfeasible to have different siblings at different schools. A family that has committed to a school, even out of catchment, should be encouraged to continue that commitment.	11/27/2016 8:50 PM
2	Siblings should be allowed to attend the same school as older siblings. It is unfeasible to have siblings at different schools, especially at a primary age. Families that have committed to a school, even out of catchment, should be encouraged to continue that commitment. The council should revert to their former policy that reflects this.	11/27/2016 8:35 PM
3	Our particular school has a small catchment area and therefore many children come from outside the catchment area. Children who already have a sibling in the school but live outside the catchment area are being penalised. This can have major implications on quality of life, psychological aspects of starting school for a sibling who has watched their older sibling enjoy attending a school and naturally wants to go to that school.	11/26/2016 11:12 PM
4	The change in admission criteria (not to give priority to out of catchment families with siblings already at a school) has devastated many families. Once a family has a commitment to a school (from a previous admission criteria) it is impossible to consider having children at different schools. Not only is this unworkable for working parents it is heart wrenching for families which seems to be of little concern for the LA. I understand admission to a school has to be cut one way or another, however surely for those parents already with a sibling at the out of catchment school should be able to send their younger child to the same setting? I also KNOW that there was little consultation regarding this change - an advert in the local press doesn't cut it in my view - why wasn't it highlighted on the admission letter that every parent gets? All I can say to the decision makers at the council is... how would you feel if it was your children?? Think about the human aspect not just the policy side of things. If you want local people to attend their catchment school, why give people a choice???	11/25/2016 6:28 PM

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5	Regardless of whether you live in the catchment or not surely if you have one child settled in a school it makes absolute common sense to keep siblings in the same school. To expect parents to drop off & collect children from two, possibly three different schools depends big on the number of children you have is absolute madness & not conducive one bit to a good family life. It's hard enough already juggling drop offs & pick ups when you're parents that work without the added complexity of having two or three possible different destinations at opposite ends of the town. I seriously do not understand the logic behind this decision - perhaps that's because there isn't any!	11/25/2016 6:20 PM
6	Removing the sibling criteria is reckless and completely unfair and this should be amended with immediate effect. How on earth who ever decided this was a good idea expects a parent to get 2 children to 2 different schools for the same time is ludicrous and is putting a lot of strain on families and causing children distress. Disgusting and shocking, whoever decided this was a good idea should lose their job.	11/25/2016 5:03 PM
7	Totally agree that the current criteria should remain, if anyone is out of catchment then they should not expect priority over anyone who is in catchment. I do feel that from my own experience, there needs to be an improved monitoring of applications as I know for certain there is a child in my daughter's class (F2) that got allocated a place due to having an older sibling at the school, yet they moved out of catchment immediately prior to the school application open date, I can only assume they failed to declare this information - this resulted in my daughter not being offered a place on the first offer day yet we are in catchment. Luckily for us we were top of the waiting list and someone else declined their place, but it should not have come to that! I cannot describe the upset and stress this caused! I am still so relieved we didn't have to go through appeal. I did inform the county council of this yet the child is still at the school so can't see that this is fair? If someone moves out of catchment then they should move their child/children rather than lie on such important applications.	11/25/2016 1:33 PM
8	For most families, having 2 or more children at different schools would not be practical and would mean them having to remove the older child from a school where they are settled to start a new school with their siblings.	11/24/2016 8:09 PM
9	This is especially important in a rural area/community. This can impact widely on a small school and cause unnecessary disruption to all children concerned	11/24/2016 3:26 PM
10	Local schools should be for local children	11/23/2016 10:28 PM
11	You move out of catchment you move schools. It is not fair for those in catchment for places to be taken by people out of catchment. If you apply for out of catchment school you should not automatically get sibling priority. If it were subscribed that year you will have a chance but preference to out of catchment siblings is unfair policy.	11/23/2016 9:57 PM
12	Children with brothers or sisters in a school from out of catchment should be higher up the criteria.	11/23/2016 12:34 PM
13	It is absolutely essential that this criteria is changed to reflect the reality. Having two children in different schools miles apart is not realistic and the sibling of a child out of catchment should be given more weight in the criteria.	11/23/2016 7:52 AM
14	It is important that siblings who are out of catchment have priority as otherwise families could have children at different schools in different locations. This would make it difficult for parents to ensure their children are in school on time. Working parents will also face potential financial detriment as they may have to pay for care for their children if they are required to be at school at the same time. Disabled parents will also face the difficulty of transporting children to different schools.	11/22/2016 9:05 PM
15	My local children lost out to siblings so glad to see sensible change.	11/22/2016 6:41 PM
16	Siblings not attending the same school is detrimental to family life and the child's education and mental wellbeing	11/21/2016 11:12 PM
17	Siblings should remain at the same school it is impossible to get two children to different schools at the same time resulting in stress not only to the parent but also the children involved not all parents have transport and walk to school which is better for the child and the environment too	11/21/2016 9:39 PM
18	Siblings being at the same school is vitally important, not only because of the location differences and the stresses of having to be at two places at the same time, but also because it offers the family a sense of continuity and comfort in knowing how the school functions and the procedures in place. In this busy life having these extra strains makes school life more stressful and less enjoyable for the children, as we as parents are stressed, this stress is naturally picked up by the children leading to a negative view of school by association.	11/21/2016 9:22 PM
19	The oversubscription criteria must be changed, to give priority to out of catchment children that have siblings at the school; to have siblings placed at different schools causes immeasurable stress and upset to families, not to mention the added cost of childcare in order to get children to and from school on time.	11/21/2016 9:08 PM

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20	In my personal opinion. Priority should be given to children with siblings already at the school whether they are in/out of catchment. I have personally seen many of the complications caused for parents having children at multiple schools. I work in a primary school, I am just out of catchment for my school but luckily my daughter got a place (she is currently in year one). If I had known at the time when I applied for her school place that her brother would not (possibly) get a place I would of applied for our catchment school knowing that I would have a good chance that both of my children could attend the same school. I understand that this is to give all parents a fairer chance of getting their child into the school closest to them but I strongly feel that it is wrong to expect parents to struggle to get their children to two different schools. I really don't know how I would manage to get my 2 children to 2 different schools working in a school myself.	11/21/2016 9:02 PM
21	Children need to be together to help them settle and learn. Also it's hard to juggle school and work but even harder to have it and have them at different schools	11/21/2016 8:49 PM
22	I feel that it is so important for all siblings to be in the same school. It is impossible to take siblings to and pick up from two different schools at the same time. It is also paramount for siblings to learn from each other and families to be apart of the school community which can only happen if siblings are together.	11/21/2016 8:38 PM
23	Siblings should stay together. This change is unfair	11/21/2016 8:33 PM
24	I think it is vital to have siblings attend the same school. I for one will find it incredibly difficult to do two school runs twice a day. It is bound to put extra strain on family life and I also think it is important for sibling relationships that children attend the same school.	11/21/2016 7:30 PM
25	If my youngest didn't get into the same school as his sibling, one of them would always be late putting them at a disadvantage. Also we would have to drive to school, which would mean more cars on the road at school times and this would also have an effect on the environment too.	11/21/2016 7:08 PM
26	In my view children are happier starting school in an area they know and maybe other children they know rather than face an extra trauma of uncertainty. It is better for the community for families to be able to have all siblings attending the same school which they cannot do if places are offered to those children outside of the catchment area.	11/21/2016 3:09 PM
27	Priority given to out-of-catchment siblings would be more convenient to parents - and therefore fairer/	11/21/2016 10:00 AM
28	helps my children now	11/21/2016 7:49 AM
29	Sometimes when a child starts school, knowing that their older sibling is there makes them feel safer and more secure where as if their sibling is not their it may cause them to feel isolated	11/20/2016 10:06 PM
30	How can parents cope with taking and fetching home children from two different schools who have similar starting and finishing times? It is totally impractical.	11/20/2016 8:38 PM
31	I believe children out of catchment with siblings already at the school should be given higher priority than those just outside of catchment.	11/20/2016 7:22 PM
32	If siblings are allocated a different school, parents are forced to try to get all their children into the same school. This would cause upset and make it difficult for the older siblings to settle into a new school, you can't get children to different schools at the same time	11/20/2016 4:26 PM
33	I believe we have a duty to keep families together. If a sibling has a place at the school I would not give out of catchment preference over in catchment but I would give preference over out of catchment without a sibling. Families have established routines and relationships which should be preserved.	11/20/2016 3:06 PM
34	Fairness is subjective, what is fair about a younger sibling being denied a place because they live slightly further away than another child who does not have any links / siblings at the School. It is unfair on the younger sibling to be denied Schooling with their older sibling and also unfair on the parents who then may have to expend significant funds on child care because the two schools they may have to use are not close together and therefore drop off / pick up arrangements do not work. Splitting the children up, also increases traffic journeys, pollution and places more children at harm from such unnecessary activities.	11/20/2016 1:59 PM
35	It is absolutely horrendous to split families across multiple schools and is likely to result in either one or both children's education being prejudiced. The pressure on families to take and collect children to multiple locations is unfair. Families will face further difficulties if children attend different schools as school holidays/inset days/sports days/parents evenings/performances etc will be on different days. Sibling jealousy can arise if one school provides opportunities/trips etc that the other school doesn't. I believe strongly that in modern times geographical location is becoming less important and linking schools to a catchment area is less important than it was previously. While I accept catchment areas still have their place, they are certainly less important than allowing siblings to attend the same school. Therefore it is my strong opinion that Siblings attending the school should be given higher priority than Living in Catchment. After all, the council does indeed state that living in a catchment area is no guarantee of a school place. I believe the council should reconsider its current criteria.	11/20/2016 1:44 PM

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36	We believe that priority should be given to children with siblings at a school. This supports families and schools as attending two or more schools at distance could be very difficult and lead to disruption and uncertainty for children, families and school staff on occasions of varying circumstance. ie sickness, job requirements, access arrangements and many other events in a modern family life.	11/20/2016 8:44 AM
37	(A) THE LACK OF TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS IS UNFAIR ON OUT OF CATCHMENT FAMILIES. There are out-of-catchment families whose first-born were denied places at their preferred schools due to out-of-catchment siblings taking priority under the old arrangements. Those same families now don't have the chance to benefit from the out-of-catchment sibling priority for their younger children. They have lost out under both sets of rules. This seems particularly harsh if the first-born was given 'not offered' for all 4 preferences, ie they got allocated to an almost-random school by the Admissions Authority. Allocated schools might be up to 2 miles away, ie those families won't get treated favourably on the distance criteria when the sibling places are applied for. (B) SIBLING PRIORITY FOR IN-CATCHMENT BUT NOT OUT-OF-CATCHMENT IS NOT FAIR. It does not seem fair to have in-catchment sibling priority if there is no out-of-catchment sibling priority. Surely it should be both or neither. Bear in mind that in-catchment siblings will still always rank highly in the list because they live in the catchment area. (C) IN-CATCHMENT SIBLING PRIORITY IS NOT FAIR ON IN-CATCHMENT FIRST-BORNS For both (B) & (C) above, the Admissions Authority needs to consider why it feels it is desirable to give in-catchment siblings a priority over anyone else (except special circumstances etc). Why is that fair?? If it's something to do with parental convenience/ease etc then they should give every family the same chance of achieving this. If it's for a different reason, please can the Admissions Authority explain what it is. Suggestions: (1) Transition arrangements for families applying under both sets of rules. (2) A priority criteria for siblings of children who were allocated a non-preference school, unless you use my suggestion (3) below. (3) In-catchment siblings have no special treatment over in-catchment first-borns OR in-catchment siblings have no priority over out-of-catchment siblings by virtue of being siblings alone.	11/19/2016 8:07 PM
38	Children with siblings at the school, regardless of being inside or outside the catchment area must be given priority. Changing admission to exclude younger children from a school that siblings attend is unfair. How does the council reasonably expect a family to drop children off and collect children from multiple different schools at the same time! This is not at all practical and such an expectation is unrealistic. Moving older children to a different school is also not practical and even if possible would be detrimental to the mental health of the children. It would be reasonable for the council to instead 'phase out' admission priority from outside the catchment area. This would involve reducing/eliminating new families from outside a catchment area from attending a given school. Admissions from outside catchment would naturally decline over the years. I have a two year old son who has two older sisters attending a local school we selected six years ago for our eldest daughter. We love this school and intend for our youngest to attend this school too. Our family will not be able to drop our children off at two different primary schools without significant expense and degradation to our daily family life. If my son does not get a place at this school, having taken legal advice, we will take legal action against the county council to recoup our losses (additional child care, kids club fees, etc...) and settle for the unnecessary and unfair degradation to our family life.	11/19/2016 8:05 PM
39	I need to know what the oversubscription policy would be in order to comment on its fairness.	11/19/2016 6:29 PM
40	Unfortunately the council's idealistic proposal is not working for parents who are having to take two different children to different schools, the reality of this preposterous decision is resulting in parents worrying about being late for one child either in the morning or evening, this also works the other way and being too early. It may also make them late for work, costing them their jobs. It may result in additional outgoings for the family that are completely unnecessary, had the children been at the same school, including breakfast/after-school clubs. Childminders in the area are having to turn work down having an effect on their livelihood and of course their reputation. The most important in all this though is of course the children who may have been looking forward to spending school years with their siblings like many of us were lucky enough to do when we were younger. I am fortunate enough not to have to worry about the above issues however I do feel strongly about the issue.	11/19/2016 6:27 PM
41	There is no way any child should ever be given a place based on distance ahead of those with siblings already at the school. All teachers I have spoken to agree with this. It is vital for siblings to be part of the same school community.	11/19/2016 8:56 AM
42	Siblings should always be in the same school to share experiences and be part of the same community. Priority should not be given to children with no siblings currently in the school, over those who already have siblings in the school, even if they live closer to the school.	11/19/2016 8:49 AM
43	NCC should be looking to keep families and their siblings together. Separation causes significant issues, especially for those least able to represent themselves well.	11/19/2016 8:38 AM
44	Even though the cohort profile can change from one year to the next, it seems illogical to have siblings in different schools for social, logistical and psychological reasons. When one out-of-catchment sibling is given a place in a school, their younger siblings should then be considered just as high a priority as in-catchment siblings. Why split families up, when there is the facility to keep them together?	11/19/2016 8:37 AM
45	It's imperative children from the same family can attend the same school	11/18/2016 10:24 PM
46	It's unfair at present and proposal does not make it more fair	11/18/2016 9:49 PM

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47	If there r siblings already at the school this should be taken into account. The disruption if children r at different schools is immense as parents cannot be in 2 places at once!	11/18/2016 8:23 PM
48	The changes if made must take into account that if a sibling is at a school in a catchment area (A) but then family move and the other sibling is forced to enrol in another catchment area (B) due to lack of capacity but wishes to attend school sibling is enrolled this should be allowed but not at expense of child who currently live in catchment area (A) . I think that if siblings are at different schools which are miles apart and have to start at 8:30 am the parent would have difficulty getting siblings to school on time.	11/18/2016 7:47 PM
49	Ignoring out of catchment siblings seems unfair and could lead to a lot of difficulty for a family.	11/18/2016 7:46 PM
50	Our family have been torn apart by this outrageous decision by NCC to remove the sibling priority from the oversubscription criteria. Of course it should be reimplemented. Our children have had to face the stresses of being separated from their siblings ; it has cost us £300 extra on child care per month; we have felt left out of the school social scene and after school activities as we have to dash of to pick up the other sibling and in general it had caused a great deal of stress. NCC shame on you - after researching the whole farce it appears you based the change on only 3 responses to a previous consultation - this is hardly representative considering the current ongoing petition against the removal of sibling priority which I believe is now well over 2000.	11/18/2016 7:41 PM
51	I think it is absolutely awful that out of catchment children who already have a sibling at a school are no longer given priority, meaning parents could be running children to two different schools is not only unfair but extremely stressful for the child and the parents, having to send your child to a school where they don't know any of the children, any of the teachers, and their older sibling is not even there for support?? how is this fair?? not to mention problems when it comes to school photos, school plays, etc etc, I think the sibling priority for out of catchment children needs reinstating, it is just unfair to do this to parents who already have older children at the school and absolutely cruel to the child to send them to another school away from their siblings, friends and teachers that they know. I am furious about this change, it's disgusting. Please reconsider and think what effect this is having on the parents and the children! I could not possibly get my children to two different schools on time on my own and I would be on my own for the school run like a lot of mums as my husband leaves for work very early! and then there's the pick ups. Just unfair to change this priority criteria for siblings it really is.	11/18/2016 6:39 PM
52	It makes no sense for parents to have children in different primary schools. Families can only truly support their school if their children attend the same one.	11/18/2016 4:28 PM
53	You are making it harder for parents if you don't let younger children attend the same school as their siblings. Keep families together.	11/18/2016 3:59 PM
54	Schools should be for children who live as close to the school as possible. If parents are successful at getting one child into an out of catchment school, they should not assume that they will get other children in at the expense of children living nearer than them. It is better for schools, better for children making friends and better for parental access if children attend a school close to where they live	11/18/2016 3:37 PM
55	We do live in the catchment area for the school that both my children attend, but this rule that was introduced last year seems unfair. It is incredibly impractical for families who have an older sibling in an out-of-catchment school, if the younger child doesn't get in to the school. The stress and logistical impracticality of getting KS1 & KS2 children to different schools is likely to have a negative impact on those children in families effected - with daily late attendance being the most obvious consequence. Families may have originally lived in the catchment area and had to move out of the catchment area for personal reasons. Almost all admissions authorities within the UK give siblings priority, because it makes sense to do this. I also think your question is badly worded. It would be clearer (and you would get more reliable results) if you said "....council is presently minded not to change the oversubscription criteria BACK to how it was, in this manner." And if the options spelled out "Yes - I would like you to bring back the criteria to give priority to siblings out of catchment" and No - I would like to keep the new rule where siblings out of catchment are not given priority"	11/18/2016 10:36 AM
56	Good arrangements now, not need to change	11/18/2016 7:50 AM
57	It is important that children with siblings currently at the school have priority, I feel this should include both in catchment and out of catchment children. If a parent has an older child already settled at the school it would be unfair to move that already settled child to go to a new school with the younger sibling. If the older sibling stays at the original school how can the parent be dropping the younger sibling off at another school? It is an impossible situation	11/16/2016 2:53 PM
58	Criteria are right now (as from Sept 2016) for local children and should not be changed back.	11/16/2016 8:46 AM
59	Please change this back and make having a sibling already in school part of the oversubscription criteria. I know many people who have 2 children in 2 different schools and this worries me for when I apply for my youngest child's school place. I imagine it to be a complete nightmare to have 2 children in different schools.	11/15/2016 1:15 PM

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60	If a child is in a school where a parent wants a sibling to go, regardless of catchment, this has to be prioritised. How on earth can you get two children to two different schools. You choose a school to give your child the best start in life, of course you are going to want your other children to follow, it's common sense! Also, your younger child is going to expect to go to the same school, after all they've dropped their older brother or sister off there and are familiar with it.	11/14/2016 8:39 PM
61	It is incredibly difficult for families to transport their children to 2 different schools and invariably what happens is that ultimately they remove the child from the original school. This has and will continue to have a huge impact especially on small schools where the percentage of out of catchment pupils is high.	11/14/2016 1:37 PM
62	Absolute farce that the criteria was changed in the first place. NCC have consciously split siblings up making school drop of and pick ups times impossible causing stress and anxiety not to mention traffic safety issues with dashing from school to school; stress for the kids and detrimental effects on their education as they are persistently late due to the impossible scenario of being in two places at once; it reduces our time and energy for helping support the schools with extra curriculum activities; the children are deeply distressed that they are not attending the same school; siblings with special educational needs or other disabilities will not have the sibling support they may need; increased costs of child care (ours amounts to over £300 per month because NCC changed the criteria retrospectively). NCC you are a disgrace to the people you are there to support.	11/13/2016 7:25 AM
63	Bring back the siblings out of catchment rule, as parents can NOT be in two or even three places at once.....The most stupid Bureaucratic ruling in history for NCC	11/12/2016 7:03 PM
64	The change to the out of catchment sibling rule is unfair and was poorly consulted on.	11/11/2016 3:14 PM
65	It is really important for families to stay together the difference having a sibling at the school makes to transition cannot be emphasised enough. How are families expected to cope having children at different schools. It is unmanageable.	11/10/2016 10:23 PM
66	It is important siblings are given priority, practical reasons being one as. it is difficult to get to two different schools for pick up and drop off as most schools start and finish around the same time, which would result in one child being late.	11/10/2016 10:00 PM
67	Sibling priority is hugely important. By not allowing siblings into the same schools family disruption is caused. One sibling also has to be constantly late upon arrival at school due to stressors arising around school drop off times. It is an unnecessary stress.	11/10/2016 9:53 PM
68	It seems fair to give places to children who live near the school. It is clear that if you don't live near to a popular school that you have less chance of getting a place. It's not fair to an oldest child or to an only child if the places are taken up by children who live further away just because they have an older brother or sister who got a place.	11/10/2016 8:34 PM
69	I believe it is fair that those living in catchment should be given priority. However, if a child living outside of catchment and already has a sibling they should receive a higher priority over solely distance. I think it is very short sighted of councillors and a lack of judgement to not understand the practical difficulties of families having to manage siblings attending different schools i.e school drop off and collection. Different schools may have different holidays and inset days. Let alone explaining to a 4 year why they cannot attend the same school as their older sibling and the upset this will cause.	11/10/2016 8:23 PM
70	It is fundamentally wrong for siblings to attend different schools. They should be part of the same school community for example many school events such as concerts and fairs cover all years groups. It is logistically impossible to get children to and from 2 or 3 different schools without incurring childcare costs and using pre or post school clubs. I know many families who will be adversely affected if the current oversubscription criteria is not changed to give priority to siblings (whether in or out of catchment). Like myself, I applied for my older child (now Y2) to attend a school out of catchment. It is only a 10 minute walk from my house, and had better results than the catchment school, so it was naturally my first choice. Under no circumstances would I have chosen an out of catchment school for him if there was even the slightest risk that his younger sister would not get into the same school. Upon changing the oversubscription criteria for 2016/17(without consultation); transitional provisions should have been introduced to protect the many families like my own which are now in turmoil and uncertainty at the prospect of potentially not getting our younger siblings in the same school. We applied for 2014/15 out of catchment in the knowledge that siblings would also get in. We would not have done so if there was not this guarantee. We may now be faced with the difficult decision of moving our son who will be starting in Y4 to another school when he is so settled at a school we love. This is blatantly wrong. This rule change has already devastated many families in the County. It is crazy to think someone with no children at the school who lives 1 metre closer than me to the school would get the place over my child with a sibling already there. For the fairness of all families once a child is allocated a school place then their siblings should follow to the same school.	11/10/2016 10:37 AM
71	My family thank County councillors for keeping to the change that came in this year. It's right for local out of catchment children to come first for school places, not the ones who try to get in by having brothers or sisters there.	11/10/2016 8:28 AM
72	You must consider travelling times and convenience of this for working parents and promote working families.	11/9/2016 11:56 PM

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74	We moved one street out of catchment after our eldest son started school prior to the sibling criteria changing, so now will not get any priority for our son starting in 2018. I believe there should be a set distance out of catchment area where the sibling policy should still apply, so that the system cannot be taken advantage of, yet families who genuinely want, and need, their children in the small school, and only live a very short distance out of catchment, and moved before the criteria was changed, are not penalised.	11/8/2016 3:26 PM
75	I believe that it has been very unfair on local families (in previous years) where siblings had a higher priority than children living closer to the school. I was therefore very happy to hear that this had been changed and that people choosing to live further out, will not be given priority for siblings. Not only should this improve traffic flow around schools as children live closer and can therefore walk in, but I firmly believe that parents should be applying to their catchment schools. Often, house prices are inflated around the best schools and to move into that area and find you cannot get a place for your child at the local school, is unfair. I have personally witnessed families over the years that have moved into catchment to get their eldest a place and then moved miles away, knowing that future children still have a very high chance of getting a place. This is very unfair on those families who live close by and choose not to move home. I believe that it is a parents job to decide where they want to send their children and ensure they live within that catchment. If they then choose to move elsewhere, they shouldn't be able to expect a place for younger siblings at that school. Given all of the above, I would like to see Nottinghamshire County Council keep the admission criteria as it is at present and not change it back to give siblings out of catchment a priority.	11/8/2016 11:06 AM
76	Change needs to be made, Families cannot be split, it is not workable for many families and can result in fragmented schooling for many children, who are not able to participate in extra curricular activities because parental time is taken up ferrying children to different schools, change is needed immediately	11/8/2016 9:42 AM
77	Families cannot be attending 2 or more schools this is just not feasible. Priority should be given to siblings regardless of catchment. Catchment areas are not important to the admissions team when they have no places left. They will offer places at schools on the other side of the city to get a child a school place. PAN needs to be increased in many schools to accommodate a surge in pupil numbers and look at promoting places to those families who are already in the school...the sibling rule out of catchment needs to be reinstated immediately for fair practice.	11/8/2016 7:16 AM
78	All multi-children families are vulnerable to situations beyond their control that result the children being split across schools, which is a situation not compatible with good school engagement. Local government policy should seek to avoid this situation wherever possible	11/7/2016 8:34 PM
79	Not for the majority whom it may not affect, however for some families a change to include priority for children with siblings living outside the catchment area could avoid a major crisis for these families. I have been given an example of how this caused major heartache for one family who already had a child in a linked junior school, who's sibling was denied a place. As the parent could not be in two places at once this left the family looking for a school that could support both children, with the eldest child being uprooted from their school and friendship group.	11/6/2016 9:00 PM
80	Surely it is better for siblings and their parents if they go to the same school!	11/6/2016 12:55 PM
81	Nottinghamshire County Council is out of line with almost all other councils in the UK who have admitted younger siblings in out-of catchment situations when possible. It is fair to the siblings involved and to their parents who are all inconvenienced and also put in considerable danger by the new arrangement not allowing out-of catchment siblings to attend the same school as their older brother/s or sister/s	11/6/2016 11:57 AM
82	It is so difficult for families to manage school runs when children end up at different schools	11/5/2016 11:50 PM
83	Out of catchment siblings should take priority	11/5/2016 5:51 PM
84	How can any mother (working or not) be in 2 places at the same time ever school pick up and drop off??? Siblings should take priority!	11/5/2016 1:50 PM

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85	As a mum with a year 2 child and a child due to join her brother at school next year, I feel completely let down as a Notts family. If she is not able to join him, I face four different school runs per day and even worse the explanations as to why our local council thought it a good idea to put us all through this. Just what was the justification behind this change anyway? How does this make it fairer for families?	11/5/2016 2:19 AM
86	Absurd idea. How do you expect parents to get two or more children to two (or more) different schools on time. And to collect them also. So impractical. Stressful. Costly (whether you drive or have to use public transport) Its impossible. keep families together, don't separate them!!!!	11/4/2016 11:38 PM
87	<b>It causes too much undue stress on parents to have children attending different schools and it is not the best option for the children to be separated either.</b>	11/4/2016 10:38 PM
88	Younger siblings attend school for pick ups and drop offs, school plays, sports days and assembly, a family joins a school not just a child! It's talked about over dinner, it's re-enacted at playtime school is a part of a younger siblings life before they even start. It's only fair they get to walk the same steps on familiar territory!	11/4/2016 10:01 PM
89	Priority should be given to children living within the catchment. I would be upset if my child was unable to attend his catchment school due to an out-of-catchment sibling being given priority over the school place. For us, that would mean attending a school in another village.	11/4/2016 8:44 PM
90	To upheave an older child who is settled in school and their education and relationships is damaging and unfair	11/4/2016 8:31 PM
91	I think this is very important for a number of reasons starting with the practicalities of taking siblings to different schools and the pressure this puts on families who like my own have 2 parents working and supported by family in fetching children from school etc. This is just not fair to expect people to run around to multiple schools sometimes quite far apart to satisfy statistics or quotas on paper. The more important point for me would be the way the children feel going to different schools and not having that sense of shared pride and achievement earned in the same environment and the security of knowing that if things are hard for them on any day they can see their sibling at a break time and gain that support needed to continue working. I see this as fundamental to their wellbeing in a school environment and simply cannot understand how not allowing siblings the right to the same education will benefit anyone in the long term.	11/4/2016 7:26 PM
92	When the first child attends school, they don't always get their catchment school and are placed at an out of catchment school. To then not give their sibling priority to attend that school when it wasn't their first choice in the first place is ridiculous. It causes Stress for both the parent and the child and what is happening to the child's emotional all health and wellbeing. The council clearly were not thinking of the child when making this decision. Change the criteria now!	11/4/2016 6:08 PM
93	Children with siblings in a school should be given priority, even if out of catchment.	11/4/2016 5:56 PM
94	The out of catchment criteria for siblings should be reinstated	11/4/2016 5:03 PM
95	Siblings should get priority even if out of the catchment area, this will stop families having to race from one school to another.	11/4/2016 4:59 PM
96	You cannot expect parents with young children to be dropping off and picking up children from different schools - it is totally impractical.	11/4/2016 4:42 PM
97	If a family is in a position where they have one child in a school for which they are outside of catchment (whether this is by choice or a factor of circumstances outside their control) then if they have a second child starting in school and cannot get that child into the same school as the first, the logistics of getting two children to separate schools whose start times may well be identical are potentially mind-boggling. Priority to siblings out of catchment would solve this problem in the majority of cases. Although the need for a catchment system is self-evident (even if it is a little clumsy and heavy-handed) the practical considerations of multiple-child families must be taken into account by the bureaucratic processes administered by the admissions system, and without any consideration given to sibling attendance, in OR out of catchment, this is not happening and causing huge problems for a sizable minority of families whilst not discernably benefitting the rest of Nottinghamshire's populace.	11/4/2016 4:12 PM
98	massively confusing question and i suspect intentionally set out to confuse... my belief is if a child has an older sibling in the school then any younger sibling should be prioritised to also attend that school regardless of catchment area.	11/4/2016 3:48 PM
99	We are just out of catchment from our school and my son will be unable To attend the same school as his 3 sisters 2 of which are sen children	11/4/2016 3:46 PM
100	If you have a child already in a primary school, whether they lived in or out of catchment at the time, their sibling should automatically be granted a place at the same school as it is totally impractical to take 2 children to 2 different primary schools especially for working parents who may have to go to work as well as do the school run such as is my situation. I can sympathise if there was a child that lived close to the school who wasn't granted a place but to have children in different primary schools is simply not possible. I would have to start work later and finish earlier, therefore not earn as much and even consider stopping work altogether to claim benefits. Please reconsider reinstating siblings in or out of catchment as a priority higher up.	11/4/2016 3:40 PM



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101	It is impractical for families to drop young children at different school.	11/4/2016 3:20 PM
102	In agreement re catchment children should have priority. But out of catchment siblings to not have priority over other out of catchment children makes no sense at all. To have children going to different schools causes a number of issues 1. Likelihood of children arriving late at school - this affects all children in the class 2. Stress for both parent and child when trying to be in two places at once, which is just not possible. This years consultation has been well publicised, however in prior years there had been no notification with regards to the rule change.	11/4/2016 3:18 PM
103	It is vital for a family's well-being that it is in a position to get all children to school on time. Having one child in one school and one child in another makes this very difficult and stressful and even impossible for some families.	11/4/2016 3:13 PM
104	Dealing with two or more young children at different schools is logistically impossible, particularly for parents with full time jobs.	11/4/2016 3:13 PM
105	Having to take children to different schools would be a nightmare how can you get children to different schools at the same time each morning it just isn't possible. Having siblings attend the same school is alot easier as there would only be one time and one school that the children needed to be at rather than rushing around trying to get to a second school. Adding the risk of a road accident due to the rush of wanting to ensure children was at school on time to maximise their education	11/4/2016 3:05 PM
106	It needs to take into consideration of younger siblings being separated from older siblings, the mental wellbeing that can be effected by both siblings by this separation and the impact on families trying to manage the logistics of children in separate schools. Older siblings at a school could be effected by attachment problems and separation from younger siblings could have a massive impact on family life. As well as preventing younger siblings feeling isolated from older siblings.	11/4/2016 3:04 PM
107	How can a parent be in 2 places at once. As both kids need to be at school at same time and be picked up same time. Surely it's common sense for them to be at the same school	11/4/2016 3:02 PM
108	How can we drop 2 children off at different schools whilst both working full time? I'M not sure how safe or sensible this is.	11/4/2016 3:00 PM
109	out of catchment siblings should get an opportunity to join siblings at school	11/4/2016 2:27 PM
110	The change the council made in removing the sibling rule for out of catchment children does not take into account the complexities of families moving a short distance or having to move out of rented accommodation or the breakup of relationships. The children affected will be split from siblings or face having to move schools.	11/4/2016 2:35 AM
111	There is little fairness in an older sibling having to move school after several years in a setting, if the younger sibling cannot get a place. This is unsettling for children and less importantly, can impact on schools' budgets adversely.	11/3/2016 7:58 PM
112	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> satisfied with the present criteria which are embedded in our school's admissions policy.	11/3/2016 10:46 AM
113	Parents and children are penalised for lateness and non attendance but are expected to get to different schools? Very unfair and discriminatory.	11/2/2016 8:57 AM
114	It seems obvious to me that a child with an older sibling at school NEEDS to be able to attend the same school. Whereas a child with no siblings at the school would suffer no chaos or confusion by simply travelling an extra 5 minutes.	11/2/2016 12:04 AM
115	After in catchment priorities, out of catchment with siblings should take priority over out of catchment without siblings. Due to logistics of school drop off/pick up. Plus the additional reassurance for younger siblings of having a older sibling having gone through the process at the same school.	11/1/2016 12:09 PM
116	1) either the logistics of trying to get two children to two different schools is a valid consideration or it is not. In or out of catchment should make no difference to the rationale for the inclusion of this criteria. Sibling priority could be viewed as fair/ unfair irrespective of if a child is in or out of catchment as it gives certain families a distinct advantage. Either remove for all or reinstate for all as the current criteria is inequitable and the inclusion of sibling criteria for catchment but not out of catchment is discriminatory and contradictory. . 2) families out of catchment with a child already in the school currently face financial detriment by the removal of sibling criteria whereas in catchment do not. Again, this is inequitable. For out of catchment parents it means it would not be possible to get children to different schools in the morning without suffering financial detriment, i.e. Having to use breakfast clubs or may not even be possible if there is no wraparound care, meaning leaving a child alone at school without parental supervision which raises serious safeguarding issues. Changing it back would make it fairer for all families irrespective of socio economic factors and free from potentially damaging safeguarding cases being brought against the council.	10/31/2016 3:22 PM
117	Pupils with older siblings already at the school should be admitted as a priority above others	10/30/2016 8:41 PM

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118	The majority applying for places, apply for their catchment school. These would not be affected by the proposed change. The change would help families living outside catchment. In the present system, I know families who are likely to end up with children at three different schools. Priority for outside catchment should be given first to those with siblings.	10/28/2016 8:43 AM
119	Siblings should be able to go to the same school, how difficult would it make life for parents trying to get 2 or more siblings to separate school for the same time of day. Also catchment schools are an outdated idea, and children out of catchment area are given the lowest of priority. Why would I want my children to go to one of the worst performing schools in the county, just because the county council has deemed it to be the catchment school, I dare say if I decided to only pay my taxes based on the schools performance the county council would soon ensure major improvement, but as it stands the school in question is performing nowhere near other local schools, and no improvement forthcoming. I pay all my taxes and want a good education for my children catchment areas prevent my children getting a good education.	10/26/2016 7:06 PM
120	I currently have three children attending school in [REDACTED] yet we live in [REDACTED]. If my fourth child was denied a place then I would have to juggle school drop off and collection - I logistically can't be in two places at once.	10/26/2016 8:03 AM
121	Reinstate a priority for children with siblings out of catchment. how 'fair' is it to have to travel to two different schools? ....how 'fair' is it to pay for clubs/minders due to siblings not being together?	10/24/2016 8:43 PM
122	I think that having the same order of criteria would overall improve fairness of submission; i.e. use 1st criterion: sibling 2nd criterion: proximity for both 'in catchment' and 'out of catchment' candidates for admission. I would also expect that the new system would alleviate the potential economic burden to the families whose siblings have to attend different schools.	10/22/2016 8:34 PM
123	For siblings living out of catchment should have a priority into a school where older siblings are already at school. NCC should support all families to school together. This current criteria breaks families up, forces undue pressure on families that have to juggle work with schools runs, forces the use of cars rather than walking to school. Stops quality family time of walking to school as a family and fragments the school with its community. The question on the consultation is a little confusing for public. People may tick the wrong answer with how the question is written. Poor consultation question, typical council question	10/21/2016 1:39 PM
124	Siblings with brother or sister at school should be given priority	10/21/2016 8:38 AM
125	I believe the current rule for siblings out of catchment could mean that siblings attend not only different primary schools but this could mean them attending schools some distance from each other. The potential logistics of this could be detrimental to all children involved and surely causes more issues with attendance, punctuality etc. I understand the reason for prioritising children in catchment but I believe this rule regarding siblings should be reversed.	10/20/2016 7:33 PM
126	If a child is in a school out of catchment it is generally through necessity rather than choice. Therefore to deny their siblings a place at the same school is inherently unfair.	10/20/2016 3:35 PM
127	For schools which would be filled purely by children within catchment I feel a lottery style allocation would be the fairest approach as distance from school within catchment. Distance from school should only be used for children out of catchment.	10/19/2016 10:17 PM
128	how ridiculous that the council have proposed this consultation if they are already "minded" not to change the criteria!!! I totally agree that children with siblings living out of catchment should have priority!! You'd like children to be punctual etc... how can this be done if parents have to be at 2 different schools at the same time, which will make them late every day at either one of the schools!! In my situation, I'm now out of catchment of the school that my daughter attends and my son is due to start school next year... my son is disabled... if he doesn't get a place at the school we're my daughter attends, it is going to make it very difficult for our family life and routines! PRIORITY FOR SIBLINGS OUT OF CATCHMENT!	10/19/2016 9:05 PM
129	By changing the criteria and giving priority to children with siblings already at the school a number of benefits could be realised. Parents would no longer have to 'be in two places at once' - having to drop multiple children off at different schools, possibly miles apart. This scenario would leave children to make difficult decisions how to undertake the operation. Personally I would ensure that the youngest child got into the care of their class teacher before leaving to deliver any subsequent children to their schools. This would undoubtedly result in late attendance marks, which would otherwise be avoidable if the admissions policy was amended to give priority to children with siblings already at the school. Despite what I would do some parents may decide to leave their older children at one school whilst delivering any others to different schools in order to prevent the award of any late marks. I would have to question how safe an unaccompanied child would be however, even if left in a school / playground environment and it is not a situation that I would put my children in. Parents should not be put in the position to make such difficult choices and this could easily be avoided by changing the admissions policy.	10/19/2016 8:05 PM
130	Children who live close to a school should get in over those that live further away but have brothers and sisters	10/19/2016 11:28 AM
131	We would like our son to go to the nearest school. Unfortunately it is not the catchment school.	10/18/2016 8:40 PM

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132	We were forced through personal circumstances (our landlord gave us Notice To Quit out of the blue) to move out of the catchment area. We could not find anywhere suitable and affordable near to the school. We now have the situation where two young siblings attend different schools which are a 45 minute walk apart (we have no transport and have been refused financial assistance with buses) that have the same start and finish times. My four year old gets very upset that her mother can never drop her off in the morning and we often find we miss out as a family due to clashes with school events. The cost of after school care would have been impossible for us if the school and care company had not stepped in and offered to help us financially. Other families are not so lucky.	10/18/2016 2:19 PM
133	completely disagree with anyone going out of catchment, it should be removed then school allocations would be alot more manageable	10/18/2016 11:31 AM
134	I also believe there needs to be a review of parents that live in separate Nottingham councils. I had a particularly troublesome time for admissions due to the definition of primary carer being different for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham city, however the Nottingham city definition applied to me (mother) - and Nottingham city applied to father, however he wanted our son to go to school in a Nottingham city school (where by my address was considered and vice versa) This caused a lot of problems and was a very stressful time asy son got into neither of the schools due to this because of the distance from the school. Luckily, the appeal board agreed that the judgement was a perverse one and did somewhat agree that although a unique case the fact that the different boroughs had different definitions made this very troublesome. The definitions and school admission policies also meant that father was allowed to block mother from any school decisions that had been made and had it not been for sourcing legal advice Nottingham city council also refused to pass on this information. I find this very disturbing that the biological birth mother (and majority career) can be blocked from all school decisions based purely on definitions outlined in the appeal. If anyone is interested in more details on this scenario or opinion feel free to contact me on: bronwyn5010@gmail.com It is something that I sincerely wish no other parent in my position has to go through.	10/17/2016 11:06 PM
135	I find the decision made to remove the sibling rule in previous years wrong in so many ways; it affects the environment, as parents having to go to different schools to drop off siblings at different locations encourages the use of the car more so, it has cost implications for parents too as they would have to use before and after school clubs for at least one of their children or means that one child would be late every single day, not to mention the impact it may have on the children who can not attend the school along with their brother or sister. People build up relationships with the people involved in the school and the community and it is extremely difficult to replicate this in a new setting. On a personal level, I now find myself in the position of wanting to move house as the house we currently live in is too small for our growing family. My first daughter attends the school within our current catchment area and we are very happy with the school. Houses within the very small catchment area very rarely come up for sale and if they do they are mainly out of our price range. We have identified lots of houses that are outside of the catchment area that would be suitable for our family, and actually closer in proximity to the school, yet not in catchment area (therefore the argument about this being fairer for local people is actually not true in reality!), but we find ourselves in a position of not wanting to move because of the removal of the sibling priority and we do not want to risk our second daughter not going to the same school as her sister. This is stopping us from being able to step up the property ladder and we are very frustrated with this. My daughter isn't due to go to school until 2019 but this is something we have to think about now and the more time that passes the more houses we miss out on. We are not wanting to move far away from the school however this ruling restricts us so much. This is the Kent admissions policy and it is very fair... Pupil admissions to the school are guided by a Kent-wide policy. Priority is given according to the following criteria: a) Looked After Children b) Current family association (an elder brother or sister in school at the time of entry, where the family continues to live at the same address as when the sibling was admitted or has moved to a new property within two miles of the school) c) Health reasons (for which a medical certificate will be needed) d) Proximity to school	10/17/2016 12:34 PM
136	I do know - stupid phrased question. It is a priority to give priority to all siblings in and out of catchment. Parents cannot be expected to be in two places at one time delivering / collecting a child to one school and expected to be at another for a sibling. What an absolutely stupid choiced question which does not tackle the root problem, i.e. a parent can't be in two places at one time especially if he (she) needs to use public transport.	10/17/2016 10:25 AM
137	As a member of the appeals panel team this change from out of catchment siblings has caused more problems than it solved. If a parent has a child already in school, even if out of catchment, they have assumed they can get a second child in to go to school with brother/sister. Or to take both children in the same direction.	10/17/2016 9:12 AM
138	I believe that it is unacceptable that children who live out of catchment, who have siblings in the school, are not given priority over those who have no prior connection to the school who live out of catchment. It does not make sense. It is unfair and causes a great deal of difficulty for those who have to get very young children to different schools sometimes miles apart. The families have already shown their commitment to the school by having an older sibling there. It is fair, logical and morally sound to therefore allow the younger children to take priority above those who have no siblings and live outside of the catchment area. I most fervently hope that NCC will change its mind on their position. The change which came into place this academic year was not consulted on broadly enough and was brought in despite a majority of people who responded disagreeing with it. It MUST change.	10/16/2016 4:37 PM
139	Sibling priority important	10/16/2016 10:41 AM

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140	Parents who have been offered 2 places at different schools for their siblings are compromised. Either both of one of them can lose out on some of their entitlement to education if they cannot get them to schools or collect them at the right times. This can also have a financial impact. It also does not follow that one child can move schools to join the other.	10/15/2016 12:59 PM
141	my daughters will have to go to 2 different schools as I am not classed as catchment for 1 school even tho I live closest to it.	10/15/2016 7:33 AM
142	I have a child currently attending a school outside of our catchment area and I'm very worried that when it comes to applying for my younger daughter, she won't get offered a place. When I applied for my eldest, I did so based on the then-rules that the younger sibling would have priority over others out of catchment. If I'd known the rules were to change, that might have affect my decision to send the eldest child to the school I have (although I love the school and I'm so happy she is going there). I think you should take this fact into account for parents who applied for in an out-of-catchment school before the "no-priority-for-siblings" rule came into place - and at least give their younger children priority for the next few years, to honour the rules as they were when we first applied.	10/14/2016 8:42 PM
143	I believe siblings should get priority to attend same school. As a grandparent collecting 2 grandchildren I would find it impossible to be at two schools at the same time. In their case my grandson lived in the catchment area at the time of starting school but the family moved to just outside.	10/14/2016 7:40 PM
144	Families with younger children who are not given admission to the same school as their siblings will find it extremely difficult getting the children to different areas at the same school start times.	10/14/2016 7:21 PM
145	I find it ridiculous to suggest that families can manage with children in two different schools of children out of catchment with siblings in another school.	10/14/2016 2:13 PM
146	Surely it's only common sense that siblings go to the same school if that's the parents request. Not all parents have the facility and flexibility to get siblings to different schools it makes it incredibly hard especially for working parents to be able to get siblings to schools and then get to work also. It's impossible when two schools start at the same time to get siblings to each school on time one sibling is always going to be late and it's just not fair. How is it fair on school photo days that those siblings arnt together in one photo in the same school uniform. How is it fair that you can do certain activities with one sibling but not the other as it's impossible to be in two places at one time. How is it fair to explain to that sibling that they can't go to the same school as their brother/sister and when they get upset as they know no one familiar at the other school but hey it's fair to lay the happiness of our little 4/5 year olds with which ever way the crow flies?! Just absolutely insane. Keep siblings together please	10/14/2016 2:07 PM
147	Sibling priority is important to me because I want to make sure that my children go to the same school and are not split up and so can support each other. My siblings went to the same schools as me and I was there to support them!	10/14/2016 12:34 PM
148	I do not agree that out of catchment children with siblings at the preferred school do not have priority over other out of catchment pupils. Most mothers work and NCC have not considered the fact that obviously they will not only want all their children in the same school, but need it to be where before and after school care takes place. If your consultation had been effective and moral, it would have shown this. As things stand, the 'Walk to School' policy is now a mockery. Hundreds of families and extended families are now wasting time, fuel and adding to congestion problems, not to mention road safety issues outside schools having been made worse.	10/14/2016 10:06 AM
149	Families move it is important to keep children at the same school as moving them is disruptive. It is also unfair to parents to get kids to 2 schools at the same time. Having a sibling priority for all is sensible	10/14/2016 8:13 AM
150	People out of catchment have chosen to go there, having a sibling should give no preference, my son is an only child which means he would be at the bottom of the Pile always. They get preference if they stay in catchment if they choose to go out why should they get special treatment	10/14/2016 6:23 AM
151	Because it is important that siblings are allowed to go to school together.	10/13/2016 10:39 PM
152	It is extremely detrimental to families that may already have children in a school to split them. Often children are placed in out of catchment schools in the first instance (against their wishes) and this will have a knock on effect for future siblings. This is simply not fair.	10/13/2016 7:46 PM
153	I fully believe children with siblings outside of the catchment area should get priority over those without. I believe this fully benefits the children and feel this is the most important thing. Children spend years going with their parents taking older siblings to school and to then not get a place themselves can be psychologically very hard for them.	10/13/2016 7:18 PM
154	Siblings should be together. Also if child has attended the nursery they should automatically be offered a place at the school	10/13/2016 3:58 PM
155	Siblings should get priority	10/12/2016 8:11 PM

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156	it is very stressful taking my child to an alternative school to the one their brother attends. Because of this change I have had to pay for childcare for my daughter after school which is now causing me financial problems as the cost is extremely high as I cant collect both at the same time. This may eventually mean I may have to stop working and I thought the council wanted people to be in jobs and not stay at home claiming benefits. I STRONGLY BELIEVE that siblings should be allowed to go to the same schools irrespective of where they live and if they are out of catchment this should be a priority criteria	10/12/2016 1:52 PM
157	Having siblings at different schools creates a logical nightmare. Siblings should always be at the same school	10/12/2016 12:26 PM
158	I feel that priority should be given to children who have a sibling at the school as the logics of getting children to different schools is very difficult. It is important for siblings to support each other and being in different schools makes this very hard. Also parents will have to split their time and fundraising efforts between two schools for fetes etc and uniform costs would increase as they cannot use the older siblings uniform	10/11/2016 8:59 PM
159	Siblings need to be together Werner in Catchment or not you cannot possibly have children in separate primary schools it's not fair on parents or siblings themselves	10/11/2016 8:12 PM
160	If you have one child already in the school you should be higher priority. How do you get to 2 different schools at the same time? Are the council going to help cover childcare costs so this is possible?	10/11/2016 6:14 PM
161	I believe it is hugely unfair to split siblings and very unsettling for older children if they have to be moved part way through their education	10/11/2016 5:32 PM
162	Yes, it is impossible to take 2 children to 2 schools that start around the same time. Unless one of them is late daily. More strain on parents, not needed.	10/11/2016 1:57 PM
163	I think it is important for siblings to go to the same school. A parent cannot be expected to take and collect siblings from different schools at the same time.	10/11/2016 11:38 AM
164	Whilst I do believe it is fair to parents and children living in catchment area to have priority. I have also seen first hand the distress caused to parents and children when siblings living out of catchment have not got into the school meaning the older sibling has to move school..it is impossible for parents to have 2 or more children in different schools. Moreover, it can only have a negative impact on the emotional well being of the child who is basically forced to move school. Also in areas with several schools within close distance, such as Mansfield Woodhouse, I definitely think siblings should take priority... as parents are able to walk to other schools easily. If this is not possible then I believe you should just limit admissions to the catchment school only.	10/10/2016 8:22 PM
165	It is ridiculous to give priority to a family living nearer the catchment above family's who already have a sibling in the school. Having to deliver siblings to different schools disadvantages working parents, and makes it very difficult to get children to school in a timely fashion, without the expense of breakfast clubs - thereby also disadvantaging those families who are worse off. It also reduces the opportunity for strong parental involvement in the school - and it is well documented that children who have involved parents are more successful at school. By spreading siblings across schools, any positive effect of parental involvement is diluted - with the parents less likely to feel a full part of the school family. Making distance the deciding factor for admittance outside catchment is arbitrary and will cause massive disruption to families with children already at out of catchment schools.	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
166	Siblings need to be in the same school so that they get the same experience and support each other. Parents cannot get children to different schools	10/10/2016 4:48 PM
167	Priority has to be given to siblings. This is common sense. You have to consider the practical elements of this.	10/10/2016 3:50 PM
168	I understand the changes brought in last year, not giving siblings out of catchment a priority, and as someone who lives just outside the catchment of our chosen school, I can see the benefit of that. However, this has affected numerous families and several at Kneesall school now have younger siblings at a different school. It would have been fairer to change the criteria on a more gradual process - existing siblings would have priority but new children starting school that year would not get the priority for any younger siblings.	10/10/2016 11:44 AM
169	For families out of the catchment area without prioritising children with siblings, families could be visiting two/three or more schools or having to disrupt the oldest child's education to move them all to a school with places available for the whole family. This seems unfair. Surely it would be easier for a new family out of the catchment area to join an alternative school.	10/10/2016 9:59 AM
170	I feel it is important for siblings to be in the same school even if they live out of catchment. Reasons being: parents find it extremely difficult to get children to different schools for the same time, it is comfort for the children knowing that their sibling is at the same school, they are taught the same as I am sure all schools do it slightly different.	10/9/2016 9:54 PM
171	I am pleased NCC will NOT change its criteria regarding siblings living outside the catchment area. I cannot identify how NCC aims to uphold the Equality Act 2010. Ethnicity should be taken into account for admission into school. This allows for a mix of ethnicity within the school year. Also children should not be asked to attend a faith school, if the faith of their parents is different to that of the school eg, a Muslim child appointed to a C of E school.	10/9/2016 8:46 PM

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172	All siblings should be allowed to go to school together as family values are very important. Having primary age siblings on different sites is ridiculous.	10/9/2016 5:10 PM
173	All siblings should be allowed to go to school together as family values are very important. Having primary aged siblings in different sites is not practical or fair.	10/9/2016 5:10 PM
174	It is unfair and impractical for siblings to have to attend different school. The fairest process would be to provide enough school places for catchment children and siblings of none catchment children to be able to attend. Why should children have to be separated from their siblings? Having siblings at different school can cause a tremendous amount of psychological and emotional stress both on the children and the parents. The transition to school is a huge milestone for children and parents and you should be providing the services to ensure they are fully supported and doing the best for each child. It is therefore not fair for siblings to be made to go to separate schools. In addition this is impractical for parents to achieve in an already stressful world. It incurs financial, travel and time implications for both working and none working parents. If you feel it is important to ensure equity for parents out of catchment area to get placement, you should ensure you have enough places to provide equity for all. Not by penalising siblings just because they live 00.7 miles away from the school instead of 00.5. This seems irrational and unjust to me.	10/9/2016 3:39 PM
175	I believe it is vitally important to allow siblings to be at school together	10/8/2016 8:23 PM
176	I think it is important that siblings go to the same school	10/8/2016 2:59 PM
177	As a retired primary school teacher I know how important it is for family cohesion that siblings wherever possible attend the same school. It is very difficult and possibly damaging to younger siblings when told that he/she/they cannot attend the same school as an older sibling. In a time when we are concerned about children's mental health it is important that siblings have the opportunity to attend the same school. On a practical note if parents are travelling to 2 or 3 schools dropping off and picking up children there will inevitably be problems with punctuality. I know the problems caused by children arriving late to school. There will be an environmental impact with more car journeys to and from different schools.	10/8/2016 11:02 AM
178	Already have two kids at different schools, my third child is due to come to school with them a possibility of all three being at different schools which would just be impossible	10/8/2016 9:00 AM
179	I think that children out of catchment with siblings at a preferred school should have priority over children out of catchment without siblings at the school	10/8/2016 8:57 AM
180	I believe it is important and fair for the Council to continue to give priority to any out of catchment children, with or without siblings, living closer to a school. I believe as a parent I should be able to choose the school that I feel caters to the needs of my child without being forced into a catchment box, that is not a fair process but building division.	10/8/2016 8:56 AM
181	Sibling priority whether in the catchment or not is a big priority! Mothers can't be in more than one place at a time or even 2 or 3. It can even affect the children, psychologically and cause unnecessary rivalry amongst siblings.	10/8/2016 8:36 AM
182	Not only would it be easier on the parents only having to drop/collect from one school, but also to keep a strong bond between the siblings. Another point to add would be that by only having to drop/collect from one school there will then be less of an impact on the environment, having to drive between two schools for a certain time may also increase the risk of accidents as parents will be driving under unnecessary stress and pressure to arrive on time	10/8/2016 8:25 AM
183	How can single parent families be in 2 places at once? Ridiculous change and totally unfair to families with siblings.	10/8/2016 8:22 AM
184	For me personally from September could mean children in 3 different schools - which would just be impossible	10/8/2016 7:39 AM
185	I believe that out of catchment admissions to those children with a sibling already at the school should take a higher priority to entrance/ over subscription criteria	10/7/2016 8:27 PM
186	I feel that siblings out of catchment should be considered before any other 'out of catchment' child. We have one child (age 6) in an out of catchment school - 2 minute drive away / 15 minute walk away from our house. We feel our younger child - due to start school in 2018 should be given a place at this school above other 'out of catchment' children. It would be impossible to get 2 children to 2 different schools. I want my children to attend the same school to be given the same opportunities and have a similar experience. It would be unfair for an 'out of catchment' child with no sibling at the school to be given a place over our child just because they perhaps lived a few metres closer to the school. I would like to reiterate that the school in question is still very local to our home.	10/7/2016 8:26 PM
187	There needs to be a rule for exception circumstances where an older sibling was unable to get into catchment area school due to oversubscription that year. Any younger siblings should therefore have higher priority to go to the same school as the older sibling, as the parents did not have the choice e.g. Lowdham, Gedling for current school year	10/7/2016 7:58 PM
188	Yes, reinstate the preference for out of catchment siblings over those just out of catchment and stop splitting kids up. Why change it, there was never a problem before.	10/7/2016 6:06 PM

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189	Families matter, the school your siblings go to is a familiar exciting and safe place that younger children get excited about going to because they recognised it as a big part of their future. The school that has supported a family through bereavement, loss, trauma, birth, and family life in general is the RIGHT place for younger siblings! The logistics of getting several children at different schools is unrealistic, but I'm sure an extra stress put on families nobody wants!	10/7/2016 6:00 PM
190	The changes would be unfair to children already at schools and the parents that sent them there in good faith. Does the council expect people to move house at the drop of a hat, complete lengthy round trips every morning or pay for 3 different uniforms rather than hand them down? My second eldest has a disability, his education will suffer if he's separated from his brother, how would this help him?	10/7/2016 4:51 PM
191	If families have a child already in a school then priority should be given to other children in that family whether they are in or out of catchment. Families should be able to stay together. siblings are important.	10/7/2016 4:48 PM
192	Priority should be given to families who already have a child or children in a school, how can parents be in two places at once? Siblings should be given priority whether in or out of catchment	10/7/2016 4:44 PM
193	It's important to me that siblings out of catchment can go to same school as sibling due to getting the children to and from school as well as emotional well being of the children.	10/7/2016 4:22 PM
194	Families cannot be in two places at two schools at once. Reinstate the sibling out of catchment rule.	10/7/2016 2:13 PM
195	I think it is fair. Totally unfair that parents move miles out of catchment but their children get priority (on old scheme). Children in my opinion should be able to walk to school	10/7/2016 1:39 PM
196	Children go to school in families. Including out of catchment with sibling would help parents to have all their children in one school so increasing peer support for each other.	10/7/2016 1:05 PM
197	The priority admission needs to place families living out of catchment with a child or children already at the school priority over families living out of catchment applying for a place. If the council has already given an out of catchment place and there are further siblings they must have priority over families with no connection to a school wanting a place.	10/7/2016 11:16 AM
198	If you let children in a school it is not right to split brothers and sisters apart. Getting children to two different schools at the same time is nearly impossible for working parents. Those that don't work cannot afford the increased costs so it is unfair to poorer families	10/7/2016 9:09 AM
199	The definition of fairness is having a negative effect on siblings	10/7/2016 8:21 AM
200	We have a son that is adopted and chose our school out of catchment as it suited his attachment needs far better than the catchment school, he now has a sister who if we don't get into the school would have to go to a different school which logistically would be impossible, we cannot move our son as the upheaval would be detriment to his progress and wellbeing and his education.	10/7/2016 8:18 AM
201	Siblings out of catchment should have priority as the impact of splitting siblings could be significant affecting their well being, happiness, capacity to learn and ability to be involved in school activities when at split locations. Priority for siblings outside of catchment should be reinstated as soon as possible.	10/7/2016 8:10 AM
202	allow all siblings to go to school together if they want to	10/6/2016 9:53 PM
203	Priority should go to students living in the catchment area over those out of catchment, regardless of siblings.	10/6/2016 9:22 PM
204	It is important to keep siblings together whenever possible.	10/6/2016 9:19 PM
205		10/6/2016 9:00 PM
206	It is essential that the admission criteria is updated. Children who are out of catchment with a sibling should be given priority over a child out of catchment who lives closer. When you have two children at different schools it means one child is always late. Not all schools have before and after school clubs. It is disruptive and upsetting for children and parents.	10/6/2016 8:18 PM
207	I think if one sibling is already at a school then others should be given priority also as it is not good to split siblings either for them or their parents who would then have children at different schools with all the problems that would bring.	10/6/2016 7:54 PM
208	It seems ridiculous that an out of catchment sibling does not have priority over someone else out of catchment with no sibling, just makes it more difficult and stressful for families. This should be brought back!	10/6/2016 5:52 PM
209	Sibling priority should be reinstated to ensure brothers and sisters stay together.	10/6/2016 4:44 PM
210	The current system is not fair at all. If you have the money, you can buy into the catchment area, if you don't you can't. This means that poorer families generally end up having to send their children to schools in their area which generally aren't as good.	10/6/2016 2:47 PM

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211	It is essential to keep siblings together if at all possible. As schools start and finish at the same time, it is impossible to drop off and collect children in time if they are split up. You simply can't be in two places at one time!	10/6/2016 2:38 PM
212	It beggars belief that the council could condone children in the same family going to different schools. The adverse effect on transporting children to different schools has not had serious consideration. The effect on employment has also received scant consideration. Employers are not going to support a parent being late for work because of this change. Also some families have one or no cars so how are they going to attend different schools which all start at the same time? Importantly families choice of school should be paramount.	10/6/2016 1:44 PM
213	It seems that the changes have implemented too fast - it would be fairer if children already at the school could be joined by siblings, but those families joining for the first time were aware that in future this was changing, if that makes sense. Splitting siblings up unnecessarily is hard for both children and parents and bad for the environment as parents have to drop off at more than one location.	10/6/2016 1:39 PM
214	As a mother currently having to split myself in half and get to work under the new sibling rule removal. I belive that siblings should be alliwed to attend the same school as their brother or sister. This new rule affects families hugely and tge added stress this causes to working parents is unrealistic. Please reconsider the changes	10/6/2016 1:23 PM
215	I believe for the purpose of good family life it is important to keep siblings together, it is difficult already trying to coordinate childcare and working and a double drop off and collection would put further pressure upon this	10/6/2016 1:03 PM
216	There is a massive impact on siblings not automatically being accepted into the same school. It is a physical impossibility for parents to get two children to two separate schools at the start of a school day and also for collection after school. Siblings must therefore be able to attend the same school	10/6/2016 12:22 PM
217	It causes a great deal of strain on families and lengthens children's school days when siblings are placed in different schools.	10/6/2016 12:02 PM
218	sibling priority is important to keep brothers and sisters together. Being at different schools is an extremely worrying thought for parents	10/6/2016 11:06 AM
219	Siblings who live out of catchment should be given as much priority. Not going to the same school can knock siblings confidence and also harder for working mums to get children to different schools.	10/6/2016 10:50 AM
220	Siblings need to be kept together when starting school. Not just logistically for the parents, but for the children too.	10/6/2016 10:41 AM
221	Sibling priority is of the utmost importance. I know from my own experience that keeping children together should be key to any decision.	10/6/2016 10:41 AM
222	For emotional, financial and logistical reasons a change to the oversubscription criteria would improve the overall fairness of the admission arrangements for the majority of families. I've seen first hand the impact on my own family of its removal for 2016/17 admissions and this needs urgent address.	10/6/2016 7:11 AM
223	Black and minority Ethnic families statistically have larger families and are therefore more likely to move out of catchment to accommodate an increase in family members. It is harder for the younger siblings school to facilitate all the elder siblings from larger families in order to keep them together. NCC are being institutionally racist	10/5/2016 10:39 PM
224	Sibling priority is so important. Not only would I want my daughters to attend the same school as I think it would not only be better for them as siblings but as parents I couldn't even imagine how horrendous it would be to drive to Different schools. It would mean putting one into either a breakfast club or after school club ( even if I'm not working) just to make sure that they wouldn't be late getting picked up or be late getting to school. The roads would be even More clogged up with traffic and life would generally be more stressful than it is at the moment.	10/5/2016 9:29 PM
225	Going to 'Big School' should be as least stressful as possible irrespective of being 'in' or 'out' of the catchment area. Attending with an older sibling surely limits any first day and beyond nerves and a happier more comfortable child will be better managed by busy staff and better educated.	10/5/2016 7:46 PM
226	Present system is unfair if siblings are seperated into different schools in different areas this put the family at risk due to the restraints in transporting children	10/5/2016 7:22 PM
227	Consider logistics when parents both working. Siblings benefit from being together when they are starting school	10/5/2016 6:41 PM
228	It is more fair to give places to children in the local area than people who lives miles away	10/5/2016 5:54 PM
229	Having children in different schools at the same time is simply not manageable for most working parents. Change needs to happen to the current system.	10/5/2016 5:16 PM
230	Changing the criteria so that it gives a higher priority for those out of catchment but has siblings at the school is practical. If that family waS allocated a school which was different to that the sibling attends would be logistically impossible.	10/5/2016 4:49 PM



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231	I believe that you should change the oversubscription criteria back to priority for children with siblings living out of catchment. This has affected so many families with children going to different schools, why would you split families up? I also believe that you did not fairly consult on this when it did change last year, many families did not know about the change!	10/5/2016 4:49 PM
232	sibling priority is important for family logistics and dynamics as well as equality of development for siblings.	10/5/2016 4:30 PM
233	I cannot see the logic in splitting family's education up through a system that results in siblings attending different schools. As such priority for siblings who have ended up living out of catchment seems like common sense to me.	10/5/2016 4:21 PM
234	Sometimes, catchment areas just don't make sense; e.g. You could live next door to a school, but be in catchment for another. Siblings belong together, regardless of where their parents move to.	10/5/2016 4:11 PM
235	The removal of out of catchment siblings priority has caused chaos to many families in Nottinghamshire	10/5/2016 4:03 PM
236	If one child has been accepted to any school, but a subsequent later sibling is not offered a place due to being out of catchment, this will have a monumental effect on the family life and way of life. As so many mothers work now and rely on breakfast and after school clubs having children at different school may mean some parents have to give up a job as it is not possible to achieve this morning run to different schools etc, this will affect the economy as a whole, people will not have the same spending power and the economy will be effected greatly. If the authority has accepted a child out of catchment into a school it has a responsibility to honour future siblings, otherwise do not give out of catchment places at the onset. Changes the rules half way is unfair to parents.	10/5/2016 12:00 PM
237	If a child from a family is already at the school further children in the family should have been taken into account.	10/5/2016 10:46 AM
238	You can't split up brothers and sisters, it's not family friendly for the children or parents, how can you do two drop off and collections in two different places at the same time, it's impossible	10/5/2016 10:17 AM
239	I don't know how you can justify sending children to different schools full stop, never mind sending them to schools on the opposite sides of a town making it impossible to be in two places at once never mind the danger it puts the children in.	10/5/2016 7:15 AM
240	It is unfair to split siblings into different schools, both for the children and the parents.	10/5/2016 5:46 AM
241	Its a tricky one. Obviously it depends on the birth rates each year but i currently have several friends who are attempting to drop at 2 schools despite only being slightly out of catchment. Their daughter easily got a place but 2 years later their son didn't despite having a sister at the school meanwhile her friend with no kids living slightly nearer got a place. She now has to juggle the two drop offs both kids are expected there at 8.45 so one is always late and the finish time is also the same meaning she has to fetch one earlier. Should this happen to me we would have serious problems as we both work and mother in law would struggle to do too drops on foot...	10/4/2016 10:55 PM
242	It is impossible for parents to work and manage young children who need transportation to school if they are placed in a different school to their sibling. This will also impact on each child's school day and the school community as a whole.	10/4/2016 10:26 PM
243	priority should always be given to siblings over distance as situations change and distance could cause further issues.	10/4/2016 10:15 PM
244	Yes it would improve fairness. Priority for siblings of children who are out of catchment should be reinstated. How are parents expected to be in two places at once to get children to school on time? It is a huge shame that the 2014/15 consultation could not have been carried out effectively like it appears NCC are attempting to do this year. Having said that the wording of the statements in the consultation documents is still very very misleading and unclear. My children have been separated because of NCC's lack of information and proper consultation, the affects of which have been very damaging. Well done NCC.	10/4/2016 10:14 PM
245	Priority should be reinstated for children living out of catchment with a sibling already at the school.	10/4/2016 9:54 PM
246	I believe the council should allocate in catchment children first, followed by out of catchment children with siblings already in school, no matter the distance they live from the school. This would be a fair system, so sibling can attend school together. Out of catchment families who have no siblings at the school should be the least priority.	10/4/2016 9:48 PM
247	Priority should definitely be given to children who have siblings at a school already, even if they are not in the catchment area.	10/4/2016 9:28 PM
248	Catchment children should definitely have priority over non catchment children no matter what.	10/4/2016 8:42 PM
249	Our first child was not allocated a place at her catchment school. If the admissions authority can not guarantee a catchment school place then the over subscription criteria should consider siblings with the selection.	10/4/2016 8:33 PM
250	Siblings should be together in same school	10/4/2016 8:19 PM

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251	If all catchment children are awarded a place, and there is a sibling priority within catchment, it is perverse to not give the same sibling priority to out of catchment. A family making new arrangements for one child will, in reality, be less effected than a family then having to deal with getting two or more children to school at different locations for the same start time and to collect from different locations at the same finish time.	10/4/2016 8:06 PM
252	Sibling priority is we feel very important regardless of whether in or out of catchment. It would be very impractical to expect parents to take children to different schools especially at primary school level where children need settling in and time to adjust to school life. Being able to do this with their siblings eases the transition and promotes a family environment to learn. Community and family are values held by all our schools and so we believe this change should be made to oversubscription criteria. Our catchment school was full for our oldest child and hence we were allocated another school. We are very concerned that the admission authority will not be able to prioritise our second child at the allocated school as we are out of catchment and hence we will be left with the unfeasible and exceptionally upsetting option of different schools for a 6 and 4year old.	10/4/2016 7:51 PM
253	It seems ludicrous to not give priority especially when out of catchment is often all that is offered!	10/4/2016 6:59 PM
254	I agree that all children in catchment areas should be given priority but then if there are places left after this I think children who live out of catchment who have a sibling at that school should be allocated a place over a child living out of catchment with no sibling attending the school even if they live closer to the school. Having two children at different schools poses many problems for families and one child will always be late for school as lots of schools still don't have breakfast and after school clubs	10/4/2016 6:19 PM
255	Allowing siblings into the same school makes for a more supportive and inclusive learning experience, let alone the impact on parents having to ensure all there children get to school on time, and are appropriately cared for at the end of the day	10/4/2016 5:56 PM
256	The new current rules are very unfair, it causes stress on struggling families splitting them apart, extra expense and a timetable which cannot be met even if u had a time machine, holidays/ inset days r different meaning extra headaches families are being ripped apart!!	10/4/2016 4:34 PM
257	It is unfair not to give priority to siblings out of catchment. It is difficult enough as working parents without having to take children to different schools. In order to get both children at the same schools you would then have to move the older child who will already be established at that school	10/4/2016 4:24 PM
258	Not allowing siblings to go to the same school has a devastating effect on all the family	10/4/2016 4:14 PM
259	Children with siblings should all go to the same school where possible. It is a worry and stressful when this doesn't happen. It is unreasonable to expect a parent to attend 2 or 3 different primary schools. Not so sure this should apply to secondary schools.	10/4/2016 3:55 PM
260	I think families should be given priority if a sibling is already at the school whether or not they are in catchment. It is common sense that this will be the most efficient way to get children to school, it will ultimately enhance child safety and save on running costs and environmental costs of transporting children to different schools. Many of us have to go straight to work after the school drop off and having all children in one school enables this to be done in a timely manner. I myself have Fibromyalgia and rely on my husband taking my children to school when I am ill. We wouldn't have that luxury if we had children in different schools.	10/4/2016 3:08 PM
261	We currently face a potential situation whereby our little boy, [REDACTED] may not be offered a place according to these new arrangements (he has a sister, Annabelle, who is in Class 1 of this school). If [REDACTED] wasn't offered a place this would be disastrous because it would mean that we would have to withdraw [REDACTED] from the school who has really settled in brilliantly and doing very well in her education and making lots of friends. To remove her at this stage would be totally unethical and extremely disruptive to her. [REDACTED] is a timid girl in nature and since being at this school she has really blossomed and has a lovely rapport with the teachers which is important and uprooting her now could really have a detrimental impact on her. I understand that changes have to be made however, if we had known this oversubscription criteria was going to be implemented we would not have proceeded to apply for [REDACTED] to attend [REDACTED] back when we were looking round schools for her. To make this a fair change I think the previous oversubscription arrangements should be applied to the siblings of those children that have started school within the last 2 years, why should children suffer and their education be disrupted over something that can be easily rectified.	10/4/2016 2:43 PM
262	Our daughter already goes to the school and me an my wife (who is a school teacher at a different school) both work full time so cannot drop off at 2 different schools! Common sense must prevail	10/4/2016 2:33 PM
263	Allow out of catchment with siblings to attend to help families	10/4/2016 2:21 PM
264	Sibling priority is extremely important to our family as it would be impossible to have multiple children spread over large geographic areas and to physically able to get them to and from school and let them embark on extra activities etc	10/4/2016 1:34 PM

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265	Parents should not have to separate their children into different schools. Maybe you start off in catchment but then have to move, parents cannot physically be in two places at one time. Why should you choose whose sports day or school play you will see if these things clash between different school. Children will be devastated they can't be in school together this is just ripping families apart disgusting families need to be together.	10/4/2016 12:45 PM
266	I feel that sibling should be at the same school, if not this can cause a health and safety issue. (who do I pick up who do I leave! this is not best practice). Also if a child has been accepted into that schools nursery and has a sibling at hat school, surely this child should be given priority over someone else outside the catchment area	10/4/2016 12:36 PM
267	More places required at popular schools to avoid the siblings v catchment debate which is difficult for all.	10/4/2016 12:36 PM
268	Trying to get siblings to different schools would be very difficult one would always have to be late then how do you collect siblings from different school at the end of school who do you leave in the playground while you collect and travel from the other school This just doesn't work for infant and primary schools children they are not old enough to get themselves to school and home	10/4/2016 12:20 PM
269	Allowances need to be made at accommodate siblings at the same school. It is very difficult to arrange to take children to different schools and impacts on the emotional wellbeing of the children too.	10/4/2016 12:13 PM
270	I believe it would be an unfair burden on many parents to expect them to take children to two different schools at the same time and to pick children up at the same time from different locations. This is an impossible situation for many parents which can be avoided easily if they are given priority over children with no siblings out of catchment area.	10/4/2016 11:56 AM
271	I understand the opinion that children within catchment should have a priority over children out of catchment. However, considering all out of catchment children, for most children with an older sibling already at a school, wherever it is, they are often already familiar with that school, usually being part of the pickup/drop off routine, as well as attending the school for other purposes. They are already building relationships with the staff there, as the older sibling's teachers will become aware of their pupils siblings, make a fuss of them and so on. To then not give them any sort of priority to join the school they already have an attachment to can be very damaging for that young child before they even step foot in a school they have been rejected, can not go to the same school as the older sibling, and don't understand why. In my own case, my 3 year old daughter is already well known by school staff at my 6 year old's school, has build great relationships, and is already looking forward to starting at the school, she tries to stay there now we she drops her brother off. The thought of her being rejected for a place at the school is frankly, very concerning. The fact that we are out of catchment for this school should not matter now we are already part of this school's culture and ethos. I am not suggesting the children out of catchment with siblings should be priority number one, however I don't see how not giving the advantage to these children over children that as yet have no attachment to a school that they are also out of the catchment for makes any sense. It would bring great strain to the family to get my daughter out of the idea of attending her brothers school, and get her motivated to attend another school instead. This is before you have considered the practicality of having two children at different schools. From a parents point of view it would prove exceedingly difficult to move between two different schools in time for the start of the school day, not to mention juggling two different school calendars. I do think that the decision makers should review to put in between the current criterias 2 & 3 (applied to A: Standard Reception Criteria) that children outside of catchment with siblings at the school already should have priority over children out of catchment with no siblings already at the school.	10/4/2016 11:53 AM
272	Sibling priority is vitally important. It is important to the children, their parents and the well-being of the school community as a whole.	10/4/2016 11:41 AM
273	1. The quality of education is very important. Parents choose the first school because of this. Therefore subsequent siblings should follow their older brothers or sisters. 2. There is tremendous pressure on parents if siblings are at different schools. There is no chance someone can get 2,3, 4 or more children to different schools at the same time. In any case a car would be needed and some parents do not have a car. Even with a car this would not be effective i.e. all schools more or less start at the same time so how can parents get their children to school on time. Also, the carbon footprint needs to be taken into consideration with parents driving here there and everywhere to get their children to school. 3. The tremendous pressure of getting children to different schools would effect the working lives of parents who usually start work at the same time as schools! It is easier for employment if all siblings go to the same school. The stress is usually on mothers who may also work. In some cases it may mean loss of a valuable worker if a parent has to give up work to ferry children about. It is not only getting to school but collecting at the end of the school day. 4. Think to when a change of schools is forced upon families. This happens in any case between junior and senior schools. This change could be a nightmare if all families have siblings at different schools and different senior schools. Having siblings at the same school would usually mean them all attending the same senior school. 5. There is a massive cost involved to families in time and petrol if this decision not to give preference to siblings is continued especially if someone has to give up their job.	10/4/2016 11:34 AM
274	As a result of not getting out closest school to home [REDACTED] for our daughter she now goes to [REDACTED] however her sibling asma with new rules is unlikely to get into either causing distress	10/4/2016 11:04 AM
275	Expecting parents who already have a child at one school to take another child / children to another school is ludicrous, unfair and unreasonable. Siblings should have a right to be educated at the same establishment.	10/4/2016 10:28 AM

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276	I have seen first hand how this has caused a friend to have to travel 60 miles a day to get to two good schools for her children. I am also in the process of moving house which could mean my fourth child would be outside catchment for the school that my other three children attend. The year he starts, my daughter will start secondary school. Without the sibling priority, this could mean having to drop off and collect from three schools! This would simply be impossible and whomever decided this would be a good idea clearly mustn't have children or the ability to see how this would impact larger families.	10/4/2016 9:55 AM
277	It's making life very difficult for families with a child in a school out of catchment with out there sibling daily lives are becoming longer more dangerous journeys, holiday dates unsimilar, resulting in parwnys being on less income due to changed hours at work financial worse off...!	10/4/2016 9:49 AM
278	I would like to know if Nottinghamshire County Council will take responsibility for whichever of my grandchildren will be left on the school premises when waiting for the other grandchild to be collected from another school? This situation will mean many children will be at risk before and after school. A very worrying situation for parents to be in through NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN! Surely every parents nightmare coming true and a paedophiles dream!	10/4/2016 9:46 AM
279	Siblings should be attending the same schools, this would mean less traffic on our already congested roads, also more comfortable for the younger sibling	10/4/2016 9:24 AM
280	If a child is already at a school but siblings have to go to other schools it is hard for families to do school runs, especially when both parents are working	10/4/2016 8:31 AM
281	Local kids should go to local schools and receive priority to do so, however the criteria schools design for themselves to decide what is and is not a "local kid" seems grossly unfair. My grandson's school decided driving distance is the criteria and because of a "no right turn" sign he was out of the catchment area even though the walking distance is just a couple of hundred yards. The driving distance is over two miles. Fortunately in my grandson's case we appealed and as there are medical grounds we were successful in getting him into a school his father, mother and aunts attended as children, a school not only close to where he lives but also close to where his closest secondary carers (grandparents) live. Clearly in cases of over subscription there should be a selection process and in most cases the siblings (out of catchment) of accepted pupils should have priority over kids that are perhaps on the edge of the catchment area or those kids that have recently moved into the area. The kids and the logistics of the family life they belong to should take priority over school policies.	10/4/2016 8:13 AM
282	I do not believe that out of catchment children should get priority over in catchment children. This leads to ridiculous situations whereby local children can't attend local schools. If you move out of catchment then you will need to consider this issue before you move. It will also stop people renting in catchment to get a place and then sending all other siblings to the same school	10/4/2016 7:45 AM
283	Siblings not at the same school could lead to young vulnerable children walking to and from school alone.	10/4/2016 7:02 AM
284	Parental choice is important, wherever they live.	10/4/2016 6:56 AM
285	I am in the impossible position of having 2 children at 2 different schools. It's extremely hard on all of us not to mention upsetting and trying. It has torn out family apart and we are having to live with it every day. We had no idea the criteria had changed when we made the application and completed the sibling section, which was still on the application form, in all good faith. We never imagined that our 4 year old would not get a place at the same school as her sister, where she was already attending nursery and which is also our closest school.	10/4/2016 6:51 AM
286	I understand why the criteria was changed but I don't agree with the way it was done. It should have been phased in over time, with children with siblings already in school still having priority, but children without siblings should be warned that, within a few years, the criteria will change.	10/4/2016 6:43 AM
287	When making a decision about places to be given to out of catchment area children it is obvious to me that any child who has a sibling at the school should be given preference due to the emotional repercussions that may be caused. Also it can cause problems in getting the children to and from different schools. Children will always be left waiting while other siblings are picked up. How does a parent decide which child to pick up first?	10/4/2016 6:10 AM
288	I already take my son to a school 2.5 miles from our house as our local schools were so oversubscribed he was going down the waiting list not up. If when his brother has to apply in 2017 for a 2018 start he doesn't get in it will be a logistical nightmare trying to get them both to school on time. I know changing the criteria wouldn't guarantee him a place but it would give him a better chance	10/4/2016 5:05 AM
289	parents will really struggle if they have children going to separate schools and in many cases it just will not work due to drop off and collection times being the same at both schools in different areas so the older child would have to change schools to go to wherever is available for the younger sibling if indeed a space could be found for both children in the same school, this would be a major upheaval for the older child leaving their friends and the school they are settled in to start again in a new school. I firmly believe that if an out of catchment child is in a school then their siblings should be given priority to go to the same school.	10/4/2016 4:01 AM

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290	It's ludicrous expecting working parents to take their children to separate schools when they could be at the same one. Surely this doesn't need to be explained?	10/4/2016 2:57 AM
291	I have moved out of area for personal reasons but have since had another child. I would need to move house now for them to attend the same school otherwise it's impossible to get them to school and I'd be unable to return to work	10/4/2016 12:03 AM
292	Stability in education is important for any child. Families instinctively want to keep their children together. Once a first born is at a school the school becomes part of the family life. No matter where they live siblings should be given a priority for a number of reasons. 1/Families often seek to move to accommodate their family as they have more children. It is not fair to restrict these families to remain in the catchment area to ensure younger children can attend the same school. 2/Nearly half of marriages end in divorce. What about the siblings of those families who have to move out of a catchment area as the result. Family break up is hard enough on children. Not attending the same school or removing the eldest from their friends will hurt them further. 3/Parents in rented accommodation do not have security of tenure. They have little control of being able to remain in catchment area. It is not fair to prevent these parents from having a realistic expectation of their children attending the same school. Not having out catchment sibling priority is socially unfair as poorer families are more likely to rent. 4/Not having priority for siblings is already causing significant practical and financial difficulties for families forced to get children to different schools at a similar times. Some are moving into the catchment area and some have moved their elder child to the younger child's school, just to keep their children together. 5/Having children at different primary schools reduces the sense of community at a school and reduces the amount of time parents are able to devote to supporting their children at different school.	10/3/2016 11:37 PM
293	It's unbelievable that the council would consider it a good idea to split up siblings or leave parents to decide how to be in two places ex at the same time. Or would they prefer to unsettle children and making the parents decide to pull the. First child out of their school away from their peer group because they had no other choice. Ridiculous!	10/3/2016 11:36 PM
294	This will prejudice families living within catchment area.	10/3/2016 11:29 PM
295	I went to school with my siblings	10/3/2016 11:23 PM
296	Schools within the borough of <del>Warrington</del> , particularly <del>Warrington</del> have issues with oversubscription. I have seen families deliberately rent within the catchment area at the time of application and then move out of the area. The new 'out of catchment' sibling rule will then give the parent that has moved out of the area an advantage and prejudice other children already living in the catchment area with or without a sibling. This is unfair for families permanently staying in the catchment area for a long term basis and part of the community. Also, allowing 'out of catchment' will contribute to more vehicles and further traffic around the school which is a danger to children and causes problems for the residents.	10/3/2016 10:59 PM
297	Separation of siblings can bring on additional anxiety to what can already be an anxious time for children. There is also increased stress for the parents not only having to ensure the safety of children going to different schools but having to deal with the increased anxiety in their children.	10/3/2016 10:36 PM
298	As a working parent my grandmother is my childcare, looking after the children at my house. Our catchment school is a 25 min walk away. The school my 5 year old daughter attends is a 5 min walk away! My son is due to start in Sept 2018. There would be no way my gran could walk 25 mins to one school and get my daughter to the school 5 mins away. It makes no sense that our catchment school is such a trek away when there's one just around the corner. Also if my son ended up in a different school, my daughter is already settled and happy at her school. To uproot her would be detrimental to her education. My oldest son also attended the primary that is 5 mins away.	10/3/2016 10:35 PM
299	By giving places to children out of catchment without a sibling at the school OVER children out of catchment WITH a sibling, you are compromising: family unity; the opportunity for the older child to support the younger child in settling in; ability to get to school on time (if having to get siblings to more than 1 school); child safety if 1 child has to travel to school by his/herself perhaps younger than s/he really should so that the younger sibling can be accompanied to school; consistency in education; knowledge of and participation in school life (e.g. supporting the school, PTA, reading support, fundraising, attending extracurricular events if these activities are doubled or even tripled by having siblings unnecessarily at more than 1 school); mental health of parents/carers and of children by being separated/missing the start/end of the school day/rushing. To name a few.	10/3/2016 10:28 PM
300	Not only is it logistically a problem for parents to get their children to two different schools on time it also is not right that siblings are not with each other to support each other through their school experiences.	10/3/2016 10:11 PM
301	I have 3 children and had to move out of catchment as our landlady sold our house I do not think it's fair my daughter and other son should suffer by not being able to attend same school as their brother because of this also I do all school runs as my partner is disabled but I work 50 hrs a week and do not have time to fit in two or even three different school runs	10/3/2016 9:54 PM
302	How can a parent get two primary school age children to two different schools with the same or similar start times. Clearly siblings should be able to attend the same school if possible.	10/3/2016 9:53 PM

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303	Siblings ending up at different schools due to current criteria is very problematic. Impossible to manage drop off and pick up at 2 schools, damaging to overall wellbeing and not good practice for families requiring support, ehafs or who may have safeguarding concerns.	10/3/2016 9:39 PM
304	Siblings should be in the same school regardless of whether they live in the catchment area. It is extremely difficult for parents to get siblings to different schools and almost impossible for them to be on time.	10/3/2016 9:39 PM
305	It is imperative that siblings can attend the same school together. It causes distress to siblings not understanding why they cannot attend the same school. Being a family of two working parents who travel some distance to get to work and we already rely on grandparents to help with school run and it's not possible to get to two schools at the same time. This causes stress within the family and myself considering giving up my job I worked hard at university for 4 years and 2 years post degree to be professionally qualified and to have a career...this shows my children you cannot be a working mother and that it seems to discriminate those who work. The issues it creates goes against the whole purpose of education and working hard at school to achieve the best you can if it's all taken away by the stress/difficulties of having to get children to different schools. There are educational benefits from children being in the same school...including happy children, a happy family. Issues over one of the schools having breakfast/after school clubs and the other not. I believe it is morally wrong for children not to have the opportunity to attend the same school. The criterion must be changed to save families.	10/3/2016 9:38 PM
306	If a child has a sibling at a school, catchment or not, it's a no brainer to have them at the same school. 2 different schools means two school runs and a parent can't be in two places at once that's before you consider the emotional stress of the child, ridiculous idea to have siblings separated just because of catchment.	10/3/2016 9:37 PM
307	I completely disagree that it is fair to give in catchment siblings a priority but not out of catchment siblings. Why give any siblings a priority if the 'fairest' thing to do is prioritise those closest to the school? Having children in different schools is an anxiety hardship for parents and children.	10/3/2016 9:36 PM
308	My 3 yr old who will be applying for his place this year will potentially not get his place at the primary school that his older brother attends in year 1. We loved to live in this area after the application process and were allocated a place at my older boys primary which is the closest school to us as the crow flies but not our catchment school. So we will be in a situation which we had no control over in the first place as having two boys in two different schools as the priority of out of catchment with a sibling has been removed. No other family should be made to feel as anxious and distressed as we are before we've even applied for our place!	10/3/2016 9:26 PM
309	Families cannot time travel, and it is always greener to undergo a commute to one place of education only if possible. It also reduces stress on the household and grants parents necessary time to focus on their children and engage with their lives instead of hotfooting it on to the next destination. New, more local families might miss out on their nearest school, yes, but they will also be guaranteed the chance to keep their offspring together, so it's swings and roundabouts. (They are also not 100% certain to stay in catchment for 7 years. We are a migratory species by nature.)	10/3/2016 9:15 PM
310	Children inside and outside of the catchment area with siblings in a school should have priority to ensure they go to the same school as their siblings.	10/3/2016 9:09 PM
311	Come 2018/19 my youngest child will be starting school and as things stand she will go to a different school to my oldest. The school my eldest child goes to is not our catchment school yet is closer than the one that is. I do not see why siblings outside of the catchment area are not prioritized over those outside of the catchment area, especially when the given school is probably as close, the parent wouldn't have to rush around losing quality time with 1 or more children.	10/3/2016 9:09 PM
312	Where a child attending the school has a sibling wishing to attend, whether in or outside the catchment area, priority should be given to these siblings. When places were allocated there was an awareness that siblings existed who would request attendance at a later date. The reverse would cause too much pain to children, immoral and abusive.	10/3/2016 9:05 PM
313	Families will be able to get their children to school on time and children can share the same experiences as their siblings by going to the same school. It will reduce families claiming from the government for additional help towards child costs due to parents struggling to take a child to school or pick up on time.	10/3/2016 9:01 PM
314	My daughter goes to an out of catchment school as when I am working it's childcare that I struggle with and could only get child care at that school, I now have a 20 week old baby who one day will hopefully attend the same school. If she can't get in then it will be literally impossible for me to get her to school, also I want my girls to go to school together to support each other and keep their close bond	10/3/2016 8:57 PM
315	It's important for siblings, especially, to go the same school. The current situation, whereby siblings can be assigned places in different schools, is simply ridiculous.	10/3/2016 8:54 PM
316	Children of the same family should be kept together at the same school. It benefitted me greatly by having my sisters at the same school	10/3/2016 8:54 PM
317	Siblings should have priority due to the vital issues of safety, access and parental guidance.	10/3/2016 8:53 PM

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318	Getting two siblings to two different schools on time is a difficult if not impossible task. Pupils will end up late to school resulting in late marks and unsettled students. The carbon foot print of the parents getting the students to school will increase as a car will be needed - impossible if a parent does not have a car. The only logical thing is to keep siblings in the same school.	10/3/2016 8:51 PM
319	I cannot understand why an out of catchment child with no links to a school should be offered a place over a child with a sibling. Drop offs at multiple schools will lead to children arriving at school late. The current criteria does not make sense.	10/3/2016 8:50 PM
320	The removal of the out of catchment sibling criteria has caused huge problems for our family. As both parents work, we chose an out of catchment school due to it being close to our childcare (less than 5 minutes walk). We are now placed in an impossible situation; having 2 children at 2 different schools. This consultation is too little too late for us, but we are speaking against this change now in the hope that other families will not have to suffer like our daughters have. Shame on you Notts CC for not consulting more effectively for 2017 arrangements.	10/3/2016 8:50 PM
321	Siblings staying together at school is important. For both parents and children alike. This shouldn't even be an issue.	10/3/2016 8:49 PM
322	I have 2 children at a school that is now out of catchment due to us moving. I do not want to move them to the closer school due to them being settled and having friends. When my youngest starts school if she is unable to attend the same school as her siblings I won't be able to be at 2 schools at the same time as they are 5 miles apart	10/3/2016 8:47 PM
323	I live out of catchment but it is my nearest school. I did not ask for this school as all others were full for both of my children. I had to wait a year to move my children's school when we moved house. This is not good enough. I could not get 2 children to 2 different schools for the same time.	10/3/2016 8:46 PM
324	Parents having to get children to separate schools face an impossible task. Also, no passing uniforms down.	10/3/2016 8:42 PM
325	It is important for siblings to attend the same school as it is hard enough for parents to coordinate with one school all the different days off etc let alone with 2	10/3/2016 8:41 PM
326	I have three grandsons of school age and for them not to be at the same school would make the school run impossible for my daughter.	10/3/2016 8:40 PM
327	Sibling priority is of upmost importance. Mainly due to the logistics involved and well-being of the siblings involved	10/3/2016 8:40 PM
328	Yes as families who already have their first child in a school, but are out of catchment would be unduly penalised by this new change in criteria. To be able to drop two children in a difficult location daily would prove impossible for the majority of families, thus meaning that one or both children would need to be moved school. This would have significant detrimental impact on the child who has already established a friendship group and educational standards in a school. I also think this would add unnecessary stress on a family and the siblings who were to be separated. For my particularly circumstances, my husband works away in the forces and I have the sole responsibility to do the school run and work full time. My daughter was recently given a place in a school that is out of catchment. When my son starts school, if he were to be placed in a different school then this would make it impossible to sustain my career due to the time it would require to drive my children to two different locations each day. Not to mention it would break my daughters heart to not be able to see her baby brother at school every day as this is a part of her childhood journey she is desperately looking forward to sharing with her sibling. She has only been at school 4 weeks and already says 'Mummy I cannot wait to show [redacted] around and introduce him to everyone and if he gets scared I will show him how to be brave like I have. This journey is integral to her self identity and role as big sister. To have this possible taken away from her due to this new ruling would be deeply distressing for us all. I would like to appeal to the NCC to reconsider their position on this and reinstate the oversubscription criteria meaning out of catchment siblings have a better chance at being placed together at school. To not do so is ignoring the rights of families and the basic British values of community living and 'being together'. Separation is another form of segregation and I do not currently see what benefits it has for the system as a whole.	10/3/2016 8:39 PM
329	Sibling priority is paramount to decent family values	10/3/2016 8:34 PM
330	Sick twisted uncaring posh nonces who don't allow family members to attend due the same school thus changing their educations meaning one has an advantage on the other. Do you educational research before deciding things.	10/3/2016 8:26 PM
331	Sibling priority is very important to me, because without it I will potentially have my two children at different schools. I chose Bracken Lane primary school as my first choice school because it is a very good school. My son currently goes to that school and now we live out of catchment I know have a 2-3 year worrying wait, until my youngest starts school, not knowing if my children will get to enjoy some of their school years together, at the same school. It's heartbreaking to think about this. It will also cost me even more money for additional childcare too, and I pay enough now! I genuinely don't understand the logic in taking the sibling priority away.	10/3/2016 8:26 PM
332	To have one sibling accepted into the school, then due to separation, a move out of catchment is necessary, it is wholly unacceptable that the second sibling not to be offered a place at the same school. How is any single parent to be expected to get 2 children to school on time if they were to attend 2 different schools? This is a constant source of worry and will be for the next 2 years, which on top of everything else, should not be necessary and is unfair.	10/3/2016 8:25 PM

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333	I agree that children living closer to a school, regardless of siblings should be given priority. Too many parents get one child into a school then move miles away expecting other children to get in the same school. If all families did this there would be no sense of locality at all and first born children living near a school would not stand a fair chance.	10/3/2016 8:20 PM
334	Catchment area must retain priority for school placement	10/3/2016 8:16 PM
335	I think it was a very bad idea to change out of catchment sibling priority especially without proper consultation. It is simply not fair that a lot of families have now been forced to struggle trying to get their children to different schools every day. I do not feel it was necessary to make this change but if it was to be made this sort of change should have been made by giving the affected parents plenty of notice to make alternative arrangements.	10/3/2016 8:16 PM
336	It is unfair as at the point of entry of our eldest child 2 years ago in response to us raising our concerns about struggling to get siblings in we were reassured that siblings get priority. Had we have known that there was any chance of the council changing the admission criteria we would have never have chosen the school. We feel really let down by the county council.	10/3/2016 8:13 PM
337	It seems crazy to except very small children to go to a different school to their siblings. Not only is it completely impractical you run the risk of having to move the older, settled child/ren to a different school.	10/3/2016 8:12 PM
338	The removal of out of catchment siblings from the 2016/17 admissions criteria has had a far reaching and negative impact on my family. My wife is now doing 56 miles a day, 5 days a week to get our children to their separate schools. Irrespective of the financial impact and general detriment to the vehicle she runs, the fact they have to regularly arrive late and take one child out early can not be sustainable or practical, nor educationally beneficial. As Winter approaches the situation really concerns me. Small rural schools, which we prefer for our children, rely heavily on out of catchment children, so to penalise our children (my son 7 and his 4 year old brother) is in the long term potentially going to impact on these very schools. I believe fairness for siblings is paramount for their general well-being and development as well as ensuring the family unit remains as one (which is what the government promote). Strongly hope that a return to allowing out of catchment children to be with their sibling is reinstated for the good of families, communities, the schools and education as a whole.	10/3/2016 8:12 PM
339	I have a child in year 2 of an out of catchment school. I am about to go through the application process for my 2nd child to start reception next year. Obviously I wish to have them in the same school. And I am understandably worried that last year's criteria change will make that impossible. At the time, I placed my son in his school as it is the most convenient to get to from our house, as well as it being the catchment school for the rest of our parish, despite it not being our house's catchment school. Based on the criteria at the time, I was happy that while she was never guaranteed a place, my Daughter (2nd child) would have a better chance than a first born in our village to attend my son's school; so that I wouldn't be in a nightmare position of attempting to get two kids to two separate schools which are at least a 15 minute drive apart, for the same drop off time. Or worse having to pull my son out of a school where he is settled, and find any school that will be able to accept him into year 3 and my daughter into reception. It wouldn't be so bad but the new criteria for accepting out of catchment children is flawed. We live approx 3 miles from our school. But we live next to the only exit road from our village to school. Nearly all the other houses in our village are closer to school 'as the crow flies' but all would have to double back on themselves to drive past my house to get to our school. So the criteria would be more sensibly set for Sibling priority, and then distance traveled from home. But no family should have to take their children to separate schools, facing constant tardiness, if there would have otherwise been a place for them had the sibling priority still been in place.	10/3/2016 8:02 PM
340	Many families are struggling to be in two places at once, taking and picking up siblings. The obvious solution if for them to be in same school regardless of where they live. Some families choose out of catchment to fit in with their work.	10/3/2016 8:02 PM
341	I have manu reasons as to whilst children with siblings living out of catchment should have priority - nothing to do with ease for parents or childcare but because the well being of the child and stanility is most important	10/3/2016 8:00 PM
342	Out of catchment sibling link is important. First/only children out if catchment been allocated another catchment/out of catchment school does not cause so many family/money/mental health/time keeping/ job loss/ extra pollution from cars issues	10/3/2016 7:54 PM
343	If a child is allocated an out of catchment school there is currently no guarantee that subsequent siblings will be allocated a place at the same school. This is a logistical nightmare for parents; it will impact on attendance & punctuality for schools, potentially causing Nottinghamshire's ratings with other LAs to dwindle. Other authorities have tried this method of place planning & allocation for it to be revoked.	10/3/2016 7:37 PM
344	I believe that there should be sibling priority for spare school places. Sibling preference should be reinstated immediately	10/3/2016 7:34 PM
345	sibling priority is important to me so my children can attend the same school, being in 2 places at once is impossible and unfair on the children to be rushing about	10/3/2016 7:30 PM



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346	As a family with a child allocated by the county council a school place out of catchment area which we had no choice about should we have another child the chances are this child will be given a catchment area school as they will not qualify as an out of catchment area sibling as a priority. This is ridiculous as the county council allocated the older sibling an out of catchment school. All siblings in or out of catchment area should be a priority.	10/3/2016 7:12 PM
347	Reinstate the sibling out of catchment rule!	10/3/2016 7:09 PM
348	Fair to what , what is the bench mark . Fair that my son missed out by 4 houses to a child who had no brothers and sisters , so would not matter if my son got the space with his sisters And other child went to school in opsrite direction !! Instead wanted my twin girls to be 45 minutes late each day. But that's no practical. So my son is not in education. Boundary lines change all time depending of people moving areas and births. So my twins got in and 3 years later my son can't . Missed out by 4 houses It's crazy.	10/3/2016 6:58 PM
349	Because family is of the utmost and if I'm choosing a school for one of my children then why would I choose a different one for the other...we would want them to be together. Would you go and stay in a different apartment to your children if you went on holiday...why would you separate them? The bond between siblings and families is far too important.	10/3/2016 6:56 PM
350	People move out of catchment areas for various reasons so could end up with 2 children at separate schools if this happened part way through a child's education. It's important to keep families together.	10/3/2016 6:56 PM
351	No, because in most cases the sibling is in that school for a reason and it is simply not feasible for the majority of families to cope with having two children in different schools - which could result in disruption to the elder if forced to move school from the environment in which they feel safe and secure.	10/3/2016 6:51 PM
352	Because my closest school and our catchment school are over-subscribed, we have to take our daughter to another school which is much further away. We'll be going through the same stress in 2 years time when we want our son to attend the same school, especially knowing there are 2 very large housing developments nearby underway. This is not fair, we deserve some certainty having already been disadvantaged in the first place.	10/3/2016 6:48 PM
353	It would be important to me because due to circumstances beyond their control my grandchildren no longer live in the catchment area for their school but by continuing to attend there their education has been kept stable. Unfortunately their youngest sibling has been denied a place and the whole family is under severe stress caused by this. If an out of catchment first born child has got a place I hope they are aware that their younger siblings may be given a different school.	10/3/2016 6:47 PM
354	Why should a child moving into an area be placed above a child going to a nursery school having to be on a waiting list with their sibling attending the same school already [REDACTED]	10/3/2016 6:44 PM
355	The fact my children now attend schools 8 miles apart is absolutely ridiculous. Re instate the siblings out of catchment rule now! My family have been torn apart over this totally unadvertised change to remove the out of catchment priority in the first place!	10/3/2016 6:43 PM
356	Once a child is at school, whether from in or out the catchment area I believe it should be a priority that call siblings are given places in that school. How are parents ( particularly working parents) supposed to get their children to more than one school every day.	10/3/2016 6:25 PM
357	I think it is very unfair and detrimental for siblings to be split up, both from their welfare point of view, and because it so disadvantages the parents, from the logistics point of view, different inset days, times of finishing the school day etc.	10/3/2016 5:40 PM
358	It's unfair to expect a mother to deliver two or more children to different locations when start times are the same. At least One child is always going to be given a late mark against their name .	10/3/2016 5:31 PM
359	It is really important that both of my children go to the same school. It would be impossible for me to get 2 children to different schools in time. I am a shift worker as is my husband so we never get to take the children to or from school together as one of us is always at work.	10/3/2016 5:28 PM
360	I think the county Council has failed in its duty of care towards families with siblings, the present system is so unfair to the younger sibling and puts the parents in a impossible position of having children on two sites, primarily the planning has failed to provide accommodation for the number of children needing a place when a rising number of children was clearly predicted.	10/3/2016 5:11 PM
361	You can not expect families to split children up for schooling, it is an impossible task for parents and a cruel thing to do to siblings. I just don't know what we would do if this happens to us, which is quite likely as my daughter will be going in Sept 2017 and we WERE NOT given the opportunity to oppose the initial change which was very unfair and underhand.	10/3/2016 5:10 PM
362	Yes most definitely. Bring back in the priority to our if catchment children with siblings in school. How can parents get two primary aged children to two different schools on time every day?	10/3/2016 5:06 PM

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363	Children's happiness should come first. I believe that their happiness and their learning ability would be greatly enhanced if they were at school with their brothers and sisters. Let common sense prevail.	10/3/2016 4:55 PM
364	This will effect me & my family hugely. How can one parent physically take 2 children to 2 different schools, never mind the upset it would cause telling your youngest they could not go to the school they have been visiting failing and thinking they were going to for the past 3 years. Absolutely ridiculous idea.	10/3/2016 4:53 PM
365	It is not only unfair but impractical and harmful to children's education (because of late starts for example ) if siblings cannot attend the same school. If an out of catchment child already has a sibling at a particular school they should be given priority over other out of catchment children irrespective of distance.	10/3/2016 4:30 PM
366	It is just as important for out of catchment siblings to attend the same school both for the children's and the parents sake. The change that the council sneaked through before has caused untold upset and worry, a reinstatement of the previous criteria is the only way forward.	10/3/2016 4:27 PM
367	My little girl as had to stay at nursery as she couldn't get in to the school that all of her brother and sisters have gone to she as autism so she's missing out on vital schooling	10/3/2016 4:18 PM
368	The priority for out of catchment children WITH SIBLINGS already at school NEEDS to be reinstated.	10/3/2016 4:03 PM
369	As long as priority is still given to those children who have siblings in the preferred school	10/3/2016 4:02 PM
370	At one point the family would have been closer to the school, having a 1,2,3 years etc. In between children/applications where more houses may have been built should not put a family at a disadvantage compared to the upheaval of a family having to go to two, three, four different schools to collect or drop off. If sibling priority is applied to the catchment area, why should those out of catchment area be treated differently, surely that is the where the true unfairness is.	10/3/2016 3:50 PM
371	Priority needs to be given to out of catchment children with siblings above out of catchment with no siblings. I was given my second choice school for my little girl who started this September this is out of catchment I am very worried that my little boy will not get into the same school and that this will have a serious impact on our family.	10/3/2016 3:39 PM
372	If there is a sibling at a school out of catchment then priority should be given	10/3/2016 3:27 PM
373	I think it is important and a priority for siblings out of catchment to be able to attend the same school for the sake of the children's wellbeing and the parents mental health	10/3/2016 3:27 PM
374	This personally affects me. I was issued my eldest's school choice a few years ago as my choices were over-subscribed. He has since settled and is now in yr2 and doing well, his younger brother started the local playgroup at the same time with the intention of going to the same school as the rules at the time included the sibling priority as we are only a mile away - but it appears he is now back of the queue again and may get another school option entirely come September 2017. I have considered moving into the catchment but rentals are few and far between and buying is still a good year away financially for us. I find it incredibly upsetting that my son's could get separated and very unfair as another family slightly closer and out of catchment with no current commitments with the school would get priority only on grounds on a few metres difference in distance	10/3/2016 3:11 PM
375	The oversubscription criteria is not just unfair it is discriminatory and those with disabilities, BME groups and children from low income families will be disproportionately effected. The criteria is based on an overly simplistic assessment, namely distance from 'local school' and plainly disregards a whole raft of educational research, economic and social variables. Siblings perform better when attending the same school environment, children with disabilities, learning difficulties and other special educational needs perform better and benefit from a more settled environment when siblings are present and those from BME groups, who tend to have larger families, are more likely to be excluded under these criteria. Additionally the criteria seem contrary to the CC's commitment to tackle child poverty, in that the changes place considerable financial strain on low income families who are already operating on a financial knife edge - e.g. increased travel costs, possible loss of earnings and increased uniform costs. The criteria puts a strain on employers too, many of whom are having to allow employees extra time to complete lengthy school runs, and there are even instances where parents are having to give up work. In short the criteria is short-sighted, lacks any substantive and sufficient justification and is deeply unfair to the point of being discriminatory.	10/3/2016 3:05 PM
376	I see it as only fair that if one child is offered a place at a school then other children in the family should also be given a place as a priority. The authority clearly thinks that siblings should be prioritised as evidenced by the fact that they give priority to siblings of those in catchment. Any family that ends up having to send their children to different schools are put in a very difficult situation. They will have difficulty dropping off and collecting at the correct time (many schools start and finish at the same time). The possibility of moving the older child may not exist (no space in the school) and is an unnecessary disruption to a child both educationally and in terms of their friendships. Many areas consider siblings before catchment in appreciation of the difficulties it causes for families whose children are denied a place at the same school.	10/3/2016 3:04 PM

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377	The younger child will be familiar with the school from meeting older siblings and will be reassured by the presence of them when they begin school. It is extremely disruptive for the family to cope with two (or more) young children attending different schools when they are too young to walk to school unsupervised. Inevitably, one child will regularly arrive late or be collected late if the schools have the same start or finish times which is likely. This can be very distressing for the child and is disruptive to the routine of the school affecting teachers and other pupils. Support for two different schools adds to the burden for parents when they want to attend such occasions as sports day, carols or fund-raising events. School catchments are strangely organised anyway and distances to an out of catchment school can be less than that of the catchment school.	10/3/2016 2:57 PM
378	As my sibling grandchildren now go to different primary schools over 8 miles apart which causes someone to have to 56 miles a day to take and fetch them, as well as one or other of them having to use pre school or after school clubs every day.	10/3/2016 2:55 PM
379	I would struggle getting children to 2 different schools on time and I think it's unfair on siblings to be split up	10/3/2016 2:36 PM
380	The issue isn't whether children are in or out of catchment. If there is a sibling at the school, then this needs to take precedent to stop the farce of families being expected to drop multiple children off at multiple schools at the same time of day.	10/3/2016 2:27 PM
381	I believe that families should be able to place children in schools where siblings are able to be together. It will be much better for the siblings and the families who may find it difficult or impossible to visit separate schools for travel arrangements. It is also better for schools where siblings are removed from a school to be placed in an alternative so that siblings can be together.	10/3/2016 2:20 PM
382	As a grandparent who takes grandson to school I would like it to be explained to me how I am going to be able to get both children on time to school and collect from school and who at Nottinghamshire County council is going to guarantee the safety of the grandchild who will remain on the school playground without supervision until I am able to collect after school?	10/3/2016 2:20 PM
383	I don't think it would benefit the majority, but it would benefit a small but important minority. Priority should always be to kids in catchment. The arrangements for catchment (with priority for siblings in catchment) is fair and should remain unaltered. But for children out of catchment I believe it is fair to offer those with siblings already at the school priority AFTER kids in catchment. I agree in principle with the idea that priority should be on proximity to the school. However I live in west bridgford where significant under provision of places within catchment for several schools (most notably west bridgford infants, [REDACTED] means many families are given mandatory offers out of catchment. They end up sending their kids out of catchment not out of choice but because the council has failed to properly provision primary school places according to the area's demographic. For those families - who often don't live particularly close "as the crow flies" the current system is unfair as their siblings may end up at different schools because there is no out of catchment sibling priority. It is entirely understandable why a family who were given a mandatory out of catchment place for their first child will apply out of catchment for their siblings. Once (and only once) all applications within catchment have been allocated I can see no good reason not to give a sibling priority to applicants out of catchment for the remaining places.	10/3/2016 2:19 PM
384	If a family is out of catchment then it is accepted that they may not get into their preferred school if out of catchment. However, if a sibling has previously been given a place at this school by the council then it is only fair to allow the other siblings to attend. Parents want to be able to full support schools i.e. events / fundraising. They get to know the teachers, what is expected and siblings get to support each other when starting the school. I as a parent want to attend all sports days / events, I go into read weekly and I want to really integrate into the school. This is not possible if siblings are at different schools. Moreover, having 2 school drop offs isn't ideal in terms of timings or having to spend out money on before/ after school care.	10/3/2016 2:11 PM
385	My granddaughter	10/3/2016 2:10 PM
386	It should be any LEA's priority to educate siblings at the same school. People's circumstances change, tenancies end, parents divorce, a bigger house needed - there are many reasons that result in a family moving out of the catchment area and siblings should not be penalised because of this.	10/3/2016 2:09 PM
387	This survey does not acknowledge that this priority was changed last year without any consultation! Sometimes families have to move and this can take them out of catchment - to then penalise them by not allowing siblings to attend the same school is grossly unfair.	10/3/2016 2:05 PM
388	No priority for out of catchment siblings can cause significant logistical problems if the other school is a distance away, especially since start times coincide with rush hour. It would be fairer to give the priority.	10/3/2016 1:52 PM

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389	I already have two children in a school which is out of our catchment. They are in year 1 and year 2 and my youngest is due to start next September. I find this is unfair and doesn't practise equal opportunity for those living out of catchment that already have children in a school. Why should my third child have to miss out on a good education and not be treated the same as my other two. That have all been in this school since starting nursery and feel secure and know the surrounding. Sending a sibling to a different school is not only cruel and unfair but it will have a massive impact on those children who suffer from separation anxiety and settling in. To have them settle and know their surroundings to pull them out is just cruel.	10/3/2016 1:51 PM
390	I think keeping siblings together is beneficial for the child's overall experience, it's a scary place for a 4-year-old and also a better chance that children will be at school on time when parents don't have to be in two different places	10/3/2016 1:40 PM
391	The fact that already having 2 children in one school and having to take 1 to another school makes school runs impossible	10/3/2016 1:38 PM
392	We have 2 children at school as well as one at nursery and if the youngest doesn't get in to the same school as the other 2 we will never be able to find places for all 3 at one school (we tried this year before deferring him) and I do the school run alone and have no way of getting 3 kids to 2 different schools	10/3/2016 1:36 PM
393	Children out of catchment should move where feasible as soon as possible to their new catchment school once they move to their new address then their siblings would be a priority for the correct catchment school too. The only exception to this should be accessibility under disability requirements, for instance if a school has wheelchair access which is required by one of the children, then all children should be able to attend the same school.	10/3/2016 1:30 PM
394	I feel that separated families go through enough trauma without oppressive local authority restrictions so there really has to be exceptions to the rule but in general I agree that children from close proximity to these boundaries should get preference and rich people should take a back seat to sensibility!	10/3/2016 1:26 PM
395	Families with siblings at a school (particularly primary school) should be given priority for new admissions. The logistics of having to get 2 young children to different schools at the same time are impossible for many families. It results in children being late for school and children being picked up late from school, both of which impact on teachers. There are also dangerous traffic implications as parents rush and are more likely to park poorly around schools. Not all schools offer breakfast club and after-school club, and not all parents can afford it even when it is on offer. Please reassess your present criteria to prioritise new admissions who already have a sibling at the school of choice.	10/3/2016 1:23 PM
396	It is utterly ridiculous to expect parents to get children to two separate sites for 9am. Very poorly thought through especially as there is supposed to be a focus on attendance and punctuality. Why make it harder for people?	10/3/2016 1:19 PM
397	Trying to get children to school and get to work is hard enough as it is. Having to take them to separate schools is going to be impossible! Add the effects on the environment with cars doing more miles. And the added congestion. It just doesn't seem to have been thought through.	10/3/2016 1:19 PM
398	It would be impossible for families to have children at more than one primary school.	10/3/2016 1:19 PM
399	When applying for school for my first born (who started reception in Sept 2014) priority was given to out of catchment children with siblings already at the school, ahead of those out of catchment without siblings. This was after all children who lived in the catchment area had been allocated a place (my daughter was allocated and attends her catchment school). I understand that the out of catchment sibling priority was removed from the oversubscription criteria last year. I fail to understand the rationale behind removing sibling priority for out of catchment children while retaining it for those who live in catchment - if having siblings at the school is important for one group, then in what respect is it irrelevant for the other? I am concerned that if my family has to move to a new home outside of catchment for my daughter's current school, for whatever reason and by a relatively small distance, her younger siblings will have to attend a different school - which may well also be oversubscribed. Having children at different schools would present a logistical and financial problem for any family, quite apart from any potential social or emotional effects for the children.	10/3/2016 1:18 PM
400	As I have 1 child who will start school in 2018, I don't want that her place is "stolen" by a child who lives in another catchment because she/he has a sibling in the school. It would be unfair and non-ecological as both families will drop kids by car/bus instead of by foot	10/3/2016 1:17 PM

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401	When an older sibling already has a school place it is unfair to lower the priority of the younger sibling. The contributing factors being that this will separate children from the same family into different schools, thus having a significantly negative affect on children and parents. Either leading to major difficulties and disruption to family routine, extra and otherwise unnecessary childcare cost if managing children in different schools, stress and anxiety to parents. Not to mention the disruption for the child that would be forced to move schools after they have already settled in their allocated school, consequently disrupting their education when they have to relocate. To dismiss the negative impact removing the 'with sibling out of catchment' priority was ill-considered and ignorant to the effect such disruption could have on families and especially the separated siblings. 'Sibling in school' in or out of catchment should be top priority on criteria for school place and must be replaced as a matter of urgency to prevent such outcomes from affecting any further families within Nottingham.	10/3/2016 1:15 PM
402	Working parents simply cannot manage childcare with the added issue of a second school run. Parents cannot be in two places at once. Additionally plays, parents evenings, lesson structures etc all vary from school to school making consistency in parenting nearly impossible	10/3/2016 1:15 PM
403	We are out of catchment and have sibling at a school, while we benefitted from being out of catchment change this year as my eldest started school, we saw how it negatively has affected many families as they rush around trying to get children to different schools. Many of these at our school were teachers who now won't be able to attend any of the children's sports day and events. While i can see the advantage of all out of catchment being equally judged, the families that didn't get in without a sibling don't really suffer as much as the families going to different schools. So i think the change to allocate to siblings first would benefit the majority of families more.	10/3/2016 1:15 PM
404	I think this is extremely important to sustain fairness for all children attending schools, this would not only be a positive change for the children but also the working parents that the situation of separate schools and work is impossible resulting in parents having to home tutor or resign from work in most cases this is not an option. I fail to see any positives in keeping the sibling out if catchment rule as it is. For a parent without any other children in schools, attending another school is no upheaval for a family separating the children's school can be life changing and a stressful and most upsetting for the Everyone involved.	10/3/2016 1:10 PM
405	Bring back sibling priority so that all of my 4 kids can go to the same junior school! Splitting up families is ridiculous!	10/3/2016 1:10 PM
406	If it is not changed my children will have to go to two different schools, this is impossible as all schools start at the same time. Resulting in one of my children being late every morning for school.	10/3/2016 1:09 PM
407	As a parent of two young children and myself being registered disabled and the primary parent responsible for taking children to/from school it is very important that siblings attend the same school dependant on age. It would be totally impractacle and put unnecessary strain on a family unit if children are forced to attend different schools.	10/3/2016 1:07 PM
408	I have had to move house due to overcrowding after having 2 further babies. I tried and tried my utter hardest to stay within catchment area so my babies could attend the same school as my 6 year old in a few years too come. The rental prices were way beyond my limit for the space and bedrooms that i required. I have had to move a few streets out of catchment area for my current school. I need more than anything for all 3 of my babies to go to the same school. I suffer with anxiety on a daily basis currently and know this will make my daily life an even bigger struggle having to be at 2 schools at once. I want more than anything for my younger children to feel a sense of security knowing their older borother is in the same school. I feel it isnt fair on my circumstances due to my financial situation that my children would be unable to attend the same school.	10/3/2016 1:05 PM
409	The majority of families would always appear to be fairly treated. The MINORITY of families need to be fairly treated too. Siblings should ALWAYS have the benefit of attending the same school in fairness to them and their parents who should only have to deal with ONE SCHOOL.	10/3/2016 1:04 PM
410	The council allocated us an out of catchment place as our catchment school was oversubscribed. We now can't get our daughter into the same school because of the rule change. In an ideal world there would be enough catchment places for all catchment children but given that there are not you created this mess and have made it worse by the recent rule change.	10/3/2016 12:54 PM
411	It is putting so much pressure on working families to have children at different schools, who have to drop off two children in two different places at the same time. It's unfair on the younger child not to be able to attend the same school as their older sibling, starting school is a stressful time anyway without the upset and confusion of having to attend a different school on their own. Many families may want to move house after having another child, and trying to move just within your school catchment area is almost impossible. I think this policy impacts negatively on the child and on their family.	10/3/2016 12:52 PM
412	Think about the wider issue of parents travelling to 2 different schools. These can be several miles apart, what if parents don't have a car. What mental health issues is the current criteria setting up for both children, parents and grandparents. Lets look at the whole picture not what fits with catchment areas. Families are important you are looking to stretch them beyond the boundaries Of common sense. STOP STOP STOP	10/3/2016 12:52 PM

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413	I think it is really important parents spend quality time with their children and they spend time with each other. Having siblings at the same school not only saves unnecessary costs for parents but also time.	10/3/2016 12:49 PM
414	Surely this should be based on personal circumstances of the children and why they are being sent to an out of catchment school.	10/3/2016 12:49 PM
415	Siblings have a strong bond and need to be placed in school together. They feel reassured by the presence of their older siblings and the surroundings are familiar to them when they start school.	10/3/2016 12:46 PM
416	How is a parent of two or more children able to get all children to school on time? If a older child is at a school then any younger siblings should be given priority in or out of catchment	10/3/2016 12:44 PM
417	It is important to me that priority is reinstated to what it was prior to the most recent change by NCC i.e. to ensure priority is given to out of catchment siblings. It is important for siblings to be able to be at the same school for reasons such as childcare arrangements/transport costs and not to mention the carbon footprint decrease from only one drop off rather than 2 different schools.	10/3/2016 12:44 PM
418	Because if you already have a child at a school that you have chosen due to it being a fantastic school rather than its location then surely it's only fair to have a better chance of getting younger siblings into the same school than people who don't have any children in the school. My daughter missed out on being able to go to an in catchment school due to there being a high number of in catchment children with a sibling who applied. So we had no choice but to apply for an out of catchment school. Surely it's not fair for us to then be penalised again and be in the same boat as families who are out of catchment but have no siblings already at the school. One lot of extremely emotional and worrying school admission procedure is enough for any family to have to deal with. We really don't want our girls to have to be at two different schools and hope that the council will bring back the out of catchment with a sibling criteria like other councils.	10/3/2016 12:40 PM
419	Priority should be given to children whose siblings go to an out of catchment school. If this priority is not given the impact on families could be far reaching . Just a few problems could be ; Late for work , parents unable to be in two places at once . Siblings upset at not being in the same school.	10/3/2016 12:37 PM
420	Siblings should go to the same school no matter on where they live! My youngest son didn't get into the same school as my eldest but a school a 7.5 mile away which began at the same time and finished at the same time... Now as only one person how could I possibly get to both kids on time? It's ridiculous! We had 3 months of hard work and heartbreak until I received a phone call from the head saying someone had dropped out of there place and Connor was next on the list which was fantastic but I think in all fairness should never have happened! Siblings should be together no matter what!	10/3/2016 12:36 PM
421	Priority to siblings out of catchment area, had been in place and worked well for thousands of families for many years. Since changes last year, many families have been largely effected. Many parents needing to be at 2 schools at the same time, which just isn't possible. Overall, it is much fairer to give siblings priority.	10/3/2016 12:34 PM
422	How are parent supposed to be at two schools at the same time? Most parents can not afford breakfast and after school club everyday. At time like sports day, Christmas performances etc... Children are being separated and not having the bond with the siblings. I agree it should be closest to catchment first but some of these families do not want the closest school, it should then be siblings and then closest with out siblings, school are only oversubscribed if you offer out more places then available. You don't make children change schools if they move house to a different catchment area and school places are offered to children out of catchment area on the waiting list. I know a family who put her son on the waiting list for a school, got a place then the following year when he daughter was due to start school She wasn't given a place, how is this right when I place was given to her eldest even though they lived out of catchment?	10/3/2016 12:31 PM
423	Siblings should clearly have priority. It is common sense. I have had to move my eldest this year to join her brother as he wasn't given a place at her school. Yet 17 out of catchment children got into the school, the majority of which had no siblings. I know of families having to do two school runs and siblings are split. This is clearly not what's best for families or children	10/3/2016 12:22 PM
424	Because keeping siblings apart affects the health and wellbeing of the affected families which is not fair.	10/3/2016 12:07 PM
425	The logistics of taking children to different primary schools is horrendous never mind the effect on the children. I have 2 children both in infants (aged 4 and 6) going to separate schools due to the change made last year. Consequently one child is always late and both have a very stressful start to the day without feeling like a "family unit" anymore which feel is something that should be encouraged. It negatively affects the children's education and family well being.	10/3/2016 11:54 AM
426	I have 2 children in coddington school very settled. I have a little girl due to start sept 2017 and worried not going to get her in and have to either be at two schools at the same time or uproot my other 2 children.	10/3/2016 11:53 AM
427	I think if a sibling is already in the school, then the second or subsequent child/ren should be considered a priority regardless of catchment so that parents are not having to attend more than one school or having to incur childcare costs in order to get the children into different schools in the mornings or when collecting after school	10/3/2016 11:50 AM

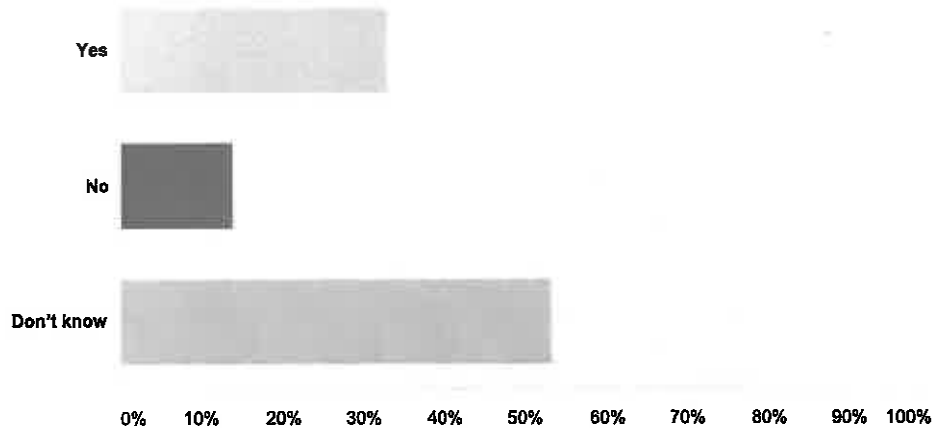
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428	Put the sibling out of catchment criteria back on the list, There has been many families adversely affected by this criteria being taken out.	10/3/2016 11:46 AM
429	Yes. It would make it fairer to families who already have children in an out of catchment school. It needs to be reverted back to the old criteria of including children who are out of catchment who have siblings in school. Also needs consideration of parents working at a school for example teachers children to be included.	10/3/2016 11:35 AM
430	Yes. It needs to be changed to previous years so that the criteria does include siblings out of catchment to make it fairer.	10/3/2016 11:31 AM
431	Reinstate out of catchment sibling priority as per the arrangements that were removed without notice for the 16/17 intake	10/3/2016 11:30 AM
432	I find the above information rather confusing. I believe that children that live out of catchment but have siblings in a school out of catchment should also receive priority. I do not think it is fair to separate siblings nor do I think it would be kind to have children removed from a school because a sibling could not get into a school that was willing to take them but the Council says they can not go to that same school as their sibling because they live out of catchment. How do you expect parents to cope? It is not reasonable to expect parent to be in two different schools at the same time.	10/3/2016 11:26 AM
433	Reinstate priority for out of catchment siblings. Having children in different primary schools is impractical for parents who cannot be in 2 places at the same time, causes increased traffic at and around schools due to parents needing cars to get between them, causes difficulties for working parents when there are different inset days, and impacts on parents ability to be involved in school life (fundraising activities, parent helpers on trips etc). For families with children at schools before 2016 removing the priority for siblings was particularly unfair as decisions such as house moves and the original school applications of older children will have been influenced by the priority for out of catchment siblings criteria that was in place when those decisions were made.	10/3/2016 11:22 AM
434	Where was an ad like this one when you 'consulted' to remove out of catchment sibling priority? You would not be introducing a new criteria but reinstating a fair one. Out of catchment priority for those with siblings in the school (or linked school) should be reinstated. It is unfair and impossible to expect parents to be in two or more places at once, especially, when often the catchment school was applied for and not allocated!	10/3/2016 10:53 AM

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### Q2 Do you agree with the proposed admission numbers?

Answered: 753 Skipped: 79



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	33.07%	249
No	13.68%	103
Don't know	53.25%	401
<b>Total</b>		<b>753</b>

#	Any further comments	Date
1	There's no number/figured shown in brackets???	11/25/2016 6:22 PM
2	But temporary extension of the PAN is useful for small schools, especially where they are not at 15 or 30 for their initial PAN	11/24/2016 3:28 PM
3	The PAN numbers should be guidance only. It was proven in the appeal process last year that NCC considered an efficient education could be achieved even when exceeding the PAN numbers.	11/23/2016 7:53 AM
4	PAN needs to take into account, if possible, changes to housing in the local area e.g. new housing being built within the catchment area. I don't think I can comment on changes to PAN numbers if I don't know the true number of children living in the area or number of houses so I can then extrapolate how large the PAN might be.	11/20/2016 9:10 PM
5	Increases in school places are obviously necessary and the schools must be properly supported to make this work.	11/20/2016 8:39 PM
6	Only interested in [REDACTED] and not much change proposed here.	11/20/2016 3:07 PM
7	Cannot see any numbers in brackets so unable to comment	11/20/2016 1:45 PM
8	The PAN is fairly arbitrary. The Net Capacity Assessment cap due to physical size of school building, site etc makes sense. Aside from that, what is the rationale for a PAN being what it is?	11/19/2016 8:11 PM
9	The numbers that are being admitted to schools now means that classes are shared between 2 different year groups with children ranging 3 years in age... this is not only stressful for the children but the pressure on the teachers must be immense. To produce work to cover the curriculum for not only a variety of skill groups but also skill groups and age ranges is a mammoth task. There's no surprise that teachers experience stress and burnout.	11/19/2016 6:33 PM
10	Quotas are in principle a backward step if one believes that children should have to travel the minimum distance to the nearest appropriate school.	11/19/2016 9:37 AM
11	Should not reduce Dean Hole's PAN, there is no rationale produced.	11/19/2016 8:41 AM



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12	Numbers per year group would be ok provided the school has space to accommodate the number.	11/18/2016 10:09 PM
13	However the need to take account of housing developments in the local catchment areas and also the longer term plans, if 200 houses r being built in a catchment it will have a huge impact on school places	11/18/2016 8:24 PM
14	Just over 30 numbers are not desirable as they result in difficult decisions for schools over split year groups. If the number is well above 30 then that is responding to local needs.	11/18/2016 8:12 PM
15	If the proposed new builds go ahead in the Warsop area the 80 places that Torch Academy in Warsop therefore I must object to reduction at this school.	11/18/2016 7:56 PM
16	These look ok. We looked at the schools for us.	11/10/2016 6:29 AM
17	Need to Increase school places	11/8/2016 10:01 AM
18	Schools are oversubscribed, meaning children are forced into out of catchment schools and currently without the guarantee of siblings following , it is causing stress to families and is not workable	11/8/2016 9:55 AM
19	Pan needs to be increased to accommodate pupils needing a place	11/8/2016 7:18 AM
20	There is no attached data to look at.	11/4/2016 8:45 PM
21	I have not seen the proposal at this point.	11/4/2016 7:27 PM
22	The [REDACTED] are satisfied with the existing agreed PAN of 7 which is embedded in our school's admissions policy.	11/3/2016 10:49 AM
23	The school my children attend already accept 50 children at Reception age - teaching would be compromised if any more places were offered.	10/26/2016 8:05 AM
24	You should have a PAN number but the school should decide if they can handle more child places.	10/24/2016 8:44 PM
25	Schools should be able to accommodate all children in a local area	10/21/2016 1:39 PM
26	The increase in numbers of children in school catchment areas particulay due to house building and immigrants parachuted into catchment means that numbers of places must be carefully assessed by a HUMAN BEING not a computer algorithm.	10/17/2016 10:28 AM
27	Provided a school has not increased/decreased in size the children have not.	10/17/2016 9:14 AM
28	This would be a matter for individual schools as they know their capacity. Any increase should be supported by financial help to ensure the infrastructure of the school can manage the larger numbers.	10/16/2016 4:38 PM
29	where are the admission numbers	10/14/2016 9:20 PM
30	Should be exceptions not so strict	10/13/2016 3:58 PM
31	As long as the school can cope and have the facilities to have that many children and there are extra staff for the child adult ratio	10/11/2016 8:16 PM
32	Class sizes in our schools are much to big as it is, at least the ratio of children to teacher is. A new study has shown children learn much better with more individual teaching time and smaller class sizes.	10/11/2016 6:06 PM
33	This depends would depend on school circumstance.	10/10/2016 8:23 PM
34	I think all schools should be given the authority to decide on the pan for their individual school.	10/8/2016 11:18 AM
35	There has to be flexibility by one or two but not so the classes are getting over 35.	10/8/2016 8:40 AM
36	The head of school should be given the final say on numbers as they understand the situation on the ground.	10/7/2016 8:11 AM
37	20 is much better than the 25 that have been let in	10/6/2016 10:37 PM
38		10/6/2016 9:00 PM
39	Could schools offer more places by employing more good teachers, as well as utilising all classroom areas in the building.	10/6/2016 2:01 PM
40	This issue always has an impact on the particular class number and should be at the discreddiom of the head of the particular school	10/6/2016 12:23 PM
41	What are they?	10/5/2016 11:40 AM
42	Again when siblings are already in the school further siblings must be allowed to attend.	10/5/2016 10:50 AM
43	Depends on how its implicated	10/4/2016 4:34 PM

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44	Would need more info on how these numbers were pulled together	10/4/2016 1:35 PM
45	Popular and oversubscribed schools should be expanded.	10/4/2016 12:36 PM
46	Don't know what the proposed numbers are so can not agree or disagree	10/4/2016 12:22 PM
47	I have no knowledge on these matters.	10/4/2016 11:58 AM
48	As a grandmother who does not live in the Nottingham area, I am very concerned my grandchildren go to the same school for the above reasons. It strikes me as common sense that teacher numbers should relate to children numbers, therefore the current classroom size could be maintained. This is not a new issue - my senior school some 50 years ago had temporary classrooms to provide education to all those who had passed the 11+.	10/4/2016 11:39 AM
49	The question doesn't provide enough information to decide. It doesn't say whether the PAN is to be revised upwards or downwards. Most classrooms will physically hold more pupils and their furniture and with the aid of classroom assistants a larger class could benefit pupils more than a standard class with no assistants.	10/4/2016 8:18 AM
50	I can't see the admissions numbers or any highlighted bits? Assuming this is based on the average class size of 30 I would agree. Any bigger would be too much	10/4/2016 5:07 AM
51	West Bridgford Junior school should not increase numbers, this is a small Victorian school.	10/3/2016 11:30 PM
52	Allocation priority should be given to siblings as common sense should prevail.	10/3/2016 8:55 PM
53	There are no changes to Bracken Lane primary.	10/3/2016 8:26 PM
54	It is extremely important my children can attend school together, for their wellbeing.	10/3/2016 8:25 PM
55	I don't know where the pan are published.	10/3/2016 8:20 PM
56	It is obvious that schools are now running out of spaces for all children who need to attend the school measures should be taken now to take into account the increased footfall into reception years across the county	10/3/2016 8:19 PM
57	Don't understand the question to give a true answer	10/3/2016 8:12 PM
58	Unable to say without further knowledge	10/3/2016 8:04 PM
59	All catchment area children should be allocated a catchment area school regardless of pan. This will ensure all siblings can attend the same school and/or feeder school at primary age.	10/3/2016 7:14 PM
60	Are the proposed numbers going to meet demand in each area?	10/3/2016 7:08 PM
61	I have not heard anything regarding this to be able to comment. That is not to say I agree or not with it - simply that no information has been provided regarding this.	10/3/2016 6:52 PM
62	Its not feasible to just increase the PAN when whats needed is more accommodation, increasing class numbers is not the answer, class sizes need to be at a reasonable level to improve attainment.	10/3/2016 5:16 PM
63	All I know about is the emotional welfare of children, who should not be separated from their brothers and sisters!	10/3/2016 4:56 PM
64	As long as schools are fully funded throughout all years in line with PAN and shearer not expected to take additional children over and above PAN where this would make class sizes or physical facilities inadequate at any stage throughout the child's school career.	10/3/2016 4:33 PM
65	There are more than 30 in my son's school my daughter as autism so she would have had one to one anyway	10/3/2016 4:19 PM
66	The PAN numbers should be set by the school and determined on a number of factors such as how many TAS are available and weather a higher number of children would effect the teaching standard .	10/3/2016 4:05 PM
67	My four year old son was due to start school in September, but instead is still in nursery. Because he was given a school 1.4 miles away and not same school as his sisters. How do you expect my twin girls to walk to [REDACTED] school and then have to walk another 2miles to get to their school. [REDACTED] the girls got to school at 9.45! Nearly an hour late! How is supposed to be acceptable day in day out, it learns them nothing about time keeping, would they still be able to do this in secondary school, college, uni, work? No so why let them now. I have no transport and no help with my children so i had no choice but to reject the school. [REDACTED] was given and to leave him in nursery on the hope that he gets in. But if he doesn't get in, we've got to apply for year 1 next year and already were worried, because what is going to be different, only the fact that all the schools are full. Seriously siblings should be given a priority how can you expect parents to be in two schools at the same time, there as already been accidents be cause of this. My son is missing out on an important year of his school education and daily asks if he's starting school yet, he's four he shouldn't be thinking like this, he should be happy and learning!	10/3/2016 3:36 PM
68	the PAN figures are illusory, there are often many more places available in schools than these show, with a large number of schools under subscribed.	10/3/2016 3:06 PM

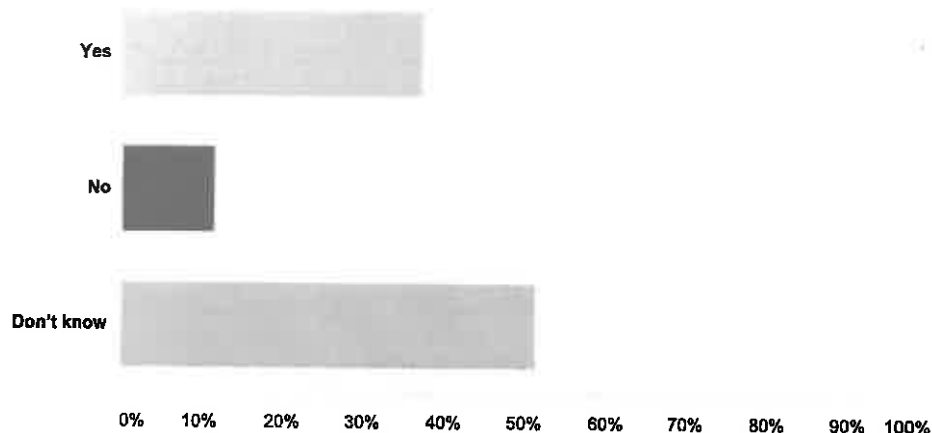
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69	The younger child will be familiar with the school from meeting their older sibling. They will also expect the older child to be around which is reassuring. Having two (or more) children at different schools is extremely disruptive for the parents. Taking and collecting from different schools which are likely to start and finish at the same time is difficult when the children are too young to walk to school unsupervised. One child is likely to arrive or be collected late which is distressing for the child and also disruptive for the teachers and other pupils. It will be more difficult to give parental support to the school attending such occasions as sports day, carols and fund-raising events.	10/3/2016 3:01 PM
70	My granddaughter has been ready for moving up to school for a year now and she has been allocated to a different school to her brother no possible way there mum can get them to and from two different schools it's so upsetting trying to explain to a four year old why she can not go to school because the council have made the biggest cock up they could possibly do it's about time they got there heads out there arses and admitted they was wrong and did something about it it's disgusting	10/3/2016 2:17 PM
71	PAN numbers need to be set to best manage the school as they can significantly affect funding	10/3/2016 1:52 PM
72	Cannot find any information on these proposed changes.	10/3/2016 1:12 PM
73	These numbers should take into account the implications of sibling considerations.	10/3/2016 1:07 PM
74	I CANNOT SEE THESE. Should they be visible here, next to the question.	10/3/2016 12:54 PM
75	Can see any numbers	10/3/2016 12:49 PM
76	Yes if they are going to have the correct amount of staff, Space and apparatus to do so!	10/3/2016 12:37 PM
77	The proposed changes do not affect our current school so I cannot comment on the effect it will have on the schools involved.	10/3/2016 12:04 PM
78	As long as ratios are adhered to, and that there are enough teaching staff to ensure achievement and progress of learning.	10/3/2016 11:38 AM

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### Q3 Do you agree with the proposed timelines?

Answered: 713 Skipped: 119



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	37.17%	265
No	11.50%	82
Don't know	51.33%	366
<b>Total</b>		<b>713</b>

#	Any further comments	Date
1	I can't see what these changes are so can not comment???	11/25/2016 6:23 PM
2	Does not appear to be too different. The appeals process can be long and difficult for children and parents, so we appreciate it depends on the number of appeals, but this can be lengthy and a difficult time for the child/ren.	11/24/2016 3:48 PM
3	Secondary schools need to be prepared to hold open evenings early so that parents have an opportunity to visit before making decisions on applying for a place.	11/22/2016 9:24 PM
4	Couldn't work out how they were changing?	11/20/2016 3:07 PM
5	Timelines are a necessity	11/19/2016 6:34 PM
6	But must include the children whose parents do not fall in with the authorities administrative guidelines and strictures!	11/19/2016 9:39 AM
7	Data on out of county and Acadadmies not included so data incomplete for decision here	11/19/2016 8:42 AM
8	Priority should be to place a child in the nearest school to their home. The local school. The only sensible solution unless a child has special needs.	11/19/2016 3:06 AM
9	Admissions are too complicated and parents are not always aware of how systems work.	11/18/2016 8:13 PM
10	There are no attached timelines to view.	11/4/2016 8:46 PM
11	I have not seen the dates proposed, Why are they not on the survey?	11/4/2016 7:27 PM
12	We should have choice	11/4/2016 3:47 PM
13	The [REDACTED] accepts the proposed timeline.	11/3/2016 10:51 AM

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14	I don't know, as council has done nothing targeted to ensure I know. Consultation generally appears to be poor and pays lip service only. As a pro active and engaged parent I would expect to know about this but do not., this is a poor reflection on the councils procedure for consulting!	10/31/2016 3:25 PM
15	Offers are communicated too late to make any appeal practicable especially for children starting reception who need to have settling in sessions etc.	10/20/2016 3:42 PM
16	Schools notified during Easter holidays and parents on the first day of term can make it a busy period for schools	10/17/2016 4:07 PM
17	Who cares about the coordination of the dates. It is important parents receive the correct school place for their child (ren) well in advance of term starting to arrange all things necessary for smooth transition into school.	10/17/2016 10:31 AM
18	don't know much about it	10/15/2016 7:34 AM
19	I don't understand the question	10/13/2016 1:53 PM
20	It's a slow and heart wrenching time it needs to be quicker and done a more modern way and let the head teachers have some say	10/11/2016 8:20 PM
21	Why change the dates?	10/11/2016 6:19 PM
22	If this has been an issue then yes it should be changed to give everyone an equal right.	10/10/2016 8:24 PM
23	If you a parent wanting to get your child into a school, your going to follow most timelines. You get the forms well in advance (at the moment) .	10/8/2016 8:43 AM
24	What timelines ??	10/5/2016 7:07 PM
25	What happens with deferred children?	10/5/2016 11:41 AM
26	Should be sooner	10/5/2016 10:51 AM
27	all parents want to be able to access the best school for their child within reason and should be able to have more sway in these decisions.	10/4/2016 3:10 PM
28	Would need more info	10/4/2016 1:36 PM
29	As question 2 can not agree or disagree as don't know the dates. I did try and get on the web site but wasn't available	10/4/2016 12:25 PM
30	I have no issue with the timelines.	10/4/2016 11:58 AM
31	So my worry about siblings going to different senior schools is a very real one!	10/4/2016 11:40 AM
32	The information given in the question makes no sense because it doesn't explain the significance of the dates/timelines. I am forming the impression this survey has been designed to obtain "massaged" results.	10/4/2016 8:23 AM
33	I don't know what the proposed timelines are.	10/3/2016 10:29 PM
34	Take into consideration locality and the basic common sense of parental requirements.	10/3/2016 8:58 PM
35	If you move house you are disadvantaged	10/3/2016 8:35 PM
36	Difficulty understanding the question	10/3/2016 8:12 PM
37	Unable to say without further information	10/3/2016 8:04 PM
38	Co ordinated scheme is unfair on families who move house at the wrong time of year. Families should be able to apply in advance of any house move at the same time that everyone else can. Families who struggle to buy their first home as it now takes so long to save for a deposit and it is well known that 1st time buyers are now much older. The children of these families are disadvantaged and end up with primary age siblings at different primary schools. Unfair and unmanageable for working families who pay a lot of tax that funds education.	10/3/2016 7:19 PM
39	Again, nothing has been said about this. Surely the council should be making schools aware of this for this to be sent out to parents to comment on the changes?!	10/3/2016 6:53 PM
40	I think parents should be given fair choice about school place allocation, with much more realistic tribunal dates, not after during August, as happened this year. This does not give parents, or schools, time to prepare a child for the school they eventually are allocated to.	10/3/2016 5:44 PM
41	All families with more than one child should be offered the availability of their siblings going to the same school.	10/3/2016 4:58 PM
42	There should be no unnecessary delay in communicating the outcome of school admissions - it is a stressful enough time for parents anyway.	10/3/2016 4:35 PM
43	It is too late in the year and takes too long to tell parents	10/3/2016 2:33 PM

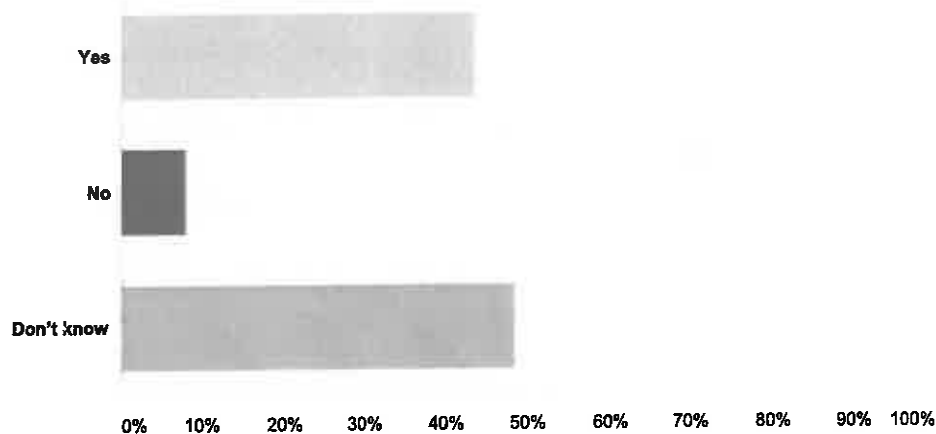
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44	I think it should come into force for the next intake 2017/2018 why prolong the agony and cause so much stress and anguish for families and their children for another school year	10/3/2016 1:54 PM
45	... because the proposal is too vague.	10/3/2016 1:44 PM
46	It is not clear to me how such proposed changes affect families.	10/3/2016 1:10 PM
47	As you have given no information as to what these changes would be or mean it is impossible to answer this question.	10/3/2016 12:56 PM
48	What are they? Please put the information next to the questions !	10/3/2016 12:55 PM
49	What are the timelines?	10/3/2016 12:53 PM
50	parents should get a choice which works best for their children, all schools are different and have different strengths and weaknesses. Not every child will like the same school. I agree catchment and siblings should be first priority, then siblings, then catchment.	10/3/2016 12:34 PM
51	My concern is that information available to parents is in the school holidays. A lot of parents rely on nurseries to provide this information. This needs to be brought forward within July to ensure all parents are aware.	10/3/2016 11:42 AM

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### Q4 Do you agree with the in-year application process?

Answered: 701 Skipped: 131



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	43.65%	306
No	7.85%	55
Don't know	48.50%	340
Total		701

#	Any further comments	Date
1	Notts County Council needs to consider the specific needs of Gypsy and Traveller families in its admission policy - Devon County Council has a very relevant policy which aims to close the gap between GRT children and those of the wider population	11/24/2016 6:50 PM
2	However, communication is not always clear to schools with incoming children.	11/24/2016 3:49 PM
3	Reference should be made to how children with an EHC Plan can apply for school places for both in year and normal admissions	11/23/2016 10:29 PM
4	Section 4.2 f & g are unreasonable, each School should be able to refuse new pupils joining, especially where there are unfunded care requirements. As Schools do not receive funding if the child joins after the start of the year. This is unfair to all other pupils in the School that their Education may be affected in this way.	11/20/2016 2:10 PM
5	The problem with keeping a list running all year is that a lot of parents potentially end up happy with the school their child ended up at, but don't proactively tell the Admissions Authority to remove them from the waiting list. If a place is offered but not required, it can take many weeks for it to be released to the next on the list. Reasons include: (1)Admissions Authority correspondence out is weekly by second class post (2)Parents are then told they have 14 days to accept, otherwise the place is withdrawn (3) The second part of the above is actually UNTRUE, since the school then tries to contact the parent after the 14 days have expired. I don't know how much time does pass before a place offer is withdrawn. Having said the above, the old system was, on balance, worse. Suggestions: (a) contact parents termly (or other interval) to see whether they want to remain on the list. Remove them if no response. (b) quicker communication, eg text/email. This could be followed by a letter if necessary. (c) remove the wording in the letter about places lapsing. It's misleading and parents could think they've missed a deadline, only to be contacted later by the school.	11/19/2016 8:23 PM
6	Is this necessary	11/19/2016 9:40 AM
7	In year applications should rest with the school alone. LA schemes can cause delays to mid term admissions.	11/18/2016 8:13 PM

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8	School and teachers should have more influence	11/14/2016 8:43 PM
9	All local schools are full which means that children are placed in out of area schools	11/8/2016 10:02 AM
10	All schools in the area are oversubscribed , this means kids are forced into out of catchment schools , and without a sibling priority rule it makes the system unfair	11/8/2016 9:57 AM
11	No school places are available in any schools except arnbrook so this is out of catchment for any moving to arnold/bestwood within the year	11/8/2016 7:20 AM
12	I have no information about the process.	11/4/2016 8:47 PM
13	I am not aware of details of this scheme and don't know how this impacts my family. There needs to be simpler explanations of the way these schemes work so people can form a balanced view.	11/4/2016 7:30 PM
14	I agree if there are guarantees that families will not be split during in-year transfers. This is happening too often.	11/3/2016 7:59 PM
15	The [REDACTED] agrees with the existing process for in-year applications.	11/3/2016 10:52 AM
16	Rules are rules in this process but can be broken in lots of circumstances! You have to be flexible to cope with all circumstances.	10/17/2016 10:33 AM
17	Of course it does not mean a family moving has the right to a place in the catchment school if it is full. But parents moving voluntarily should sort out the school BEFORE they move.	10/17/2016 9:16 AM
18	don't know enough info	10/15/2016 7:34 AM
19	Doesn't affect me	10/14/2016 8:14 AM
20	It takes too Long children need to be dealt with quicker not 6 weeks it's too Long	10/11/2016 8:23 PM
21	Other - applications are not assessed or checked properly. I know of 2 people whom lied on their school applications about where they lived and managed to get into an oversubscribed school. Very unfair. I reported this before the allocation day to the call centre and heard nothing back. I read on a consultation report that only 2 applications were investigated two years ago out of the thousands Notts CC must receive.	10/11/2016 2:04 PM
22	I don't know enough about this system to comment.	10/10/2016 8:24 PM
23	It discriminates against people who move between catchment areas in between term time - there are no places left.	10/9/2016 5:12 PM
24	It discriminates against people who move in catchment areas in between term times - meaning there's no places left	10/9/2016 5:12 PM
25	Would be simpler if all applications were made to one place. Can be confusing for parents knowing where to apply	10/8/2016 1:19 PM
26	if applications are made on time then yes. If they are late then these people should go to the bottom of the list!	10/7/2016 4:48 PM
27	depends on circumstances if they are late applications then no, go to the back of the waiting list!	10/7/2016 4:45 PM
28	Keeping families together is a must for schools and government authorities. Parents cannot be expected to take multiple children to multiple schools, it is just not possible.	10/4/2016 8:36 PM
29	Would need more info	10/4/2016 1:36 PM
30	When a family applies for a transfer the school the child is leaving should be informed by admissions and asked if there are any issues with regard to social care, attendance or behaviour. This information should be passed to the new school before or as the child is accepted. This will stop children arriving in school with significant issues that the new school knows nothing about as the family chose not to share this information. This happens.	10/4/2016 12:39 PM
31	Again the question uses unfamiliar terminology and doesn't explain what an in-year application process is or what advantage or disadvantage might be produced by it being coordinated. This survey is definitely crooked!	10/4/2016 8:26 AM
32	The waiting list system is not fair, it should also take into account the time of application as well as proximity to the school.	10/3/2016 11:31 PM
33	I feel this system is very 'pot luck' when you apply. This system does not help prevent people just 'renting' close by the school to gain a place at the school. This prejudices other genuine families buying houses or relocating to the area, as they stay on a waiting list for months and don't move higher up the list. I have been involved in this system and witnessed families renting as close as possible to the school in West Bridgford.	10/3/2016 11:10 PM
34	I don't know what the in-year application process is.	10/3/2016 10:30 PM
35	Schools need more awareness of applications for in year admissions to enable them to meet the needs of our children and to plan how to meet their needs more effectively. Not being aware of the application and not having time to plan in support does not help the child	10/3/2016 9:45 PM
36	They should be dealt with by the individual schools that have an understanding of the families in their community	10/3/2016 9:28 PM



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37	I need further information to make an informed decision	10/3/2016 9:11 PM
38	Under the pre-condition the siblings and parental requests override any commercial interests	10/3/2016 9:00 PM
39	Very unfair. You get no priority	10/3/2016 8:36 PM
40	Difficult to understand the question	10/3/2016 8:12 PM
41	Need more information	10/3/2016 8:05 PM
42	When moving out of catchment your in year admission form asks parents to think if moving school is right for the child as continuity in education is important so we keep our children in the same school but then younger siblings will not be able to join the same school	10/3/2016 7:57 PM
43	See previous comment on families moving house and the unfair consequences of this on primary age siblings	10/3/2016 7:20 PM
44	If this means every other child gets a place at his chosen school	10/3/2016 7:04 PM
45	We were offered our catchment school a month before term started but after the visits had been undertaken. The offer was in writing and specified 2 weeks to decide accept or forfeit. If I had had that offer earlier I would probably accepted it and not had the worries associated with sending first child to a non-catchment school (having second child at same school, getting in to the secondary etc). The process should include phoning around so parents are offered at the earliest opportunity	10/3/2016 6:55 PM
46	I am unfamiliar with this process.	10/3/2016 6:53 PM
47	As long as its coordinated properly.	10/3/2016 5:19 PM
48	If people move into the area then yes prioritise on distance but if they are late applications then they shouldn't get ahead of people in the waiting list!	10/3/2016 5:08 PM
49	I don't understand all these questions.... the only answer I know is one of quiet simplicity for the happiness and well being of children, coming from the same family. That they be allowed to attend the same school.	10/3/2016 5:00 PM
50	It should be up to the school whether to take in another pupil not NCC . Give the schools more control over children in their classes.	10/3/2016 4:06 PM
51	If we are to have 'fair Access' can we have 'fair funding'. Arrival after Oct of the year means NO money for such children during that year despite often needing additional support. The demand on school resources can be excessive and detrimental to other children.	10/3/2016 1:59 PM
52	The head has to give permission for a child to change schools, the head should be able to add commentary but not be the decision maker	10/3/2016 1:32 PM
53	Again, it is not clear to me how the proposed changes affect families. Perhaps in future such proposed changes could be amplified to outline potential difficulties for families.	10/3/2016 1:14 PM
54	What an ill-thought out survey, no numbers, no timelines, no explanation of terms and how it affects the individuals, such as the one on this page. If this is intended for parents who perhaps have access to this process, then it should have said so at the start.	10/3/2016 1:07 PM
55	Again. No details so very hard to give a meaningful answer.	10/3/2016 12:56 PM

