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2016-09-03	This change of criteria is and will continue to create significant problems for parents who live outside the catchment area of a school. It is an impossible situation to have children in two different primary schools.
2016-09-03	It is an appalling change that should never have happened. Aside from the logistical challenges of siblings at different schools, it is simply wrong for siblings to be at separate schools - it is separating families. should
2016-09-03	My children have been split up, causing a lot of upset and difficulties.
2016-09-03	Whoever came up with the idea of seperating siblings wants, at the very least, sacking.
2016-09-03	I have been given a place at an out of catchment school for my little girl and am worried that her brother will not get into the same school next year
2016-09-03	I dont want my sons to be in separate schools
2016-09-03	I now have to home-school my daughter as we have been refused a school place.
2016-09-03	Absolutely ridiculous that siblings are being spilt up.
2016-09-03	I am affected by the change from September 2016 my 4th child cant attend the same school as siblings. I also have a 5th child so the possibility of 3 schools. I cant find a new school for all my children together. I wasnt aware of thw consultation
2016-09-03	I'm signing because I don't want my two children going to different schools
2016-09-03	My twin daughters go to xxxxxx , the council changed sibling criteria , they would not let my little boy go to same school and offered him a school 30 minutes in wrong direction , this means the twins need to walk 2 miles and be 30 minutes late every day. Then stand in playground 30 minutes alone after school. This was not a lawful consultation in the spirt of the law. How can you do this when there was only 9 replies to other councils mass replies. Only council to change. its does not work. And other councils moved sibling criteria up the order to prevent lateness and time off.
2016-09-03	I appealed for my older child to attend the same school that her younger sister was at and won so they could be together!! But now my younger child didn't get a place in the school so have had to split them up again, this has resulted in difficulty on drop off and collections and heartache for both.
2016-09-03	I know the upset this can cause families from personal experience and also because I work in a primary school
2016-09-03	The new rules are dreadful for children already in schools and siblings starting, how are parents supposed to be at two schools at the same time, or afford to pay for breakfast and after school clubs.
2016-09-03	I'm signing because my children are affected by this farce and I want justice.
2016-09-03	I think what they have done is totally wrong and ridicules, my friends whole life has been affected because of this and she has had to not take a job she really wanted

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2016-09-03	I am a teacher and a parent and it is ludicrous to not give siblings priority.
2016-09-03	This has affected many people I know and I currently have one child in an oversubscribed school and another to start in 2 years time. I think the issue has been dealt with in a bad way, and it would have been better to phase this in over time.
2016-09-03	I would like the sibling criteria to count when making my application for a younger sibling this year. Multiple school drop off is not an option for my family. I know families completely disrupted this year by the change to decision making and I do not understand why the change has been made. It worked before and will again
2016-09-03	Not considering this would cause more significant problems for families. I have a friend who has had the worst experience with her son being rejected at the same school as her daughter. The allocated school was almost 4 miles away. Explain how this is possible to get both kids to school at the correct time.
2016-09-03	Supporting my friend as I disagree with the process she's had to go through and got nowhere.
2016-09-03	I think this is not right and does not make sense for families with young children who need to be escorted to/from school.
2016-09-03	My twins are now having to attend a school 8 miles away from their brother! Splitting them up from him!
2016-09-03	I already have 2 children at different primary schools because the second child was priority 3 but the original school was full. If anything I think having a sibling at a school should put you in the same priority as catchment children, so I'm certainly against removing that tier altogether.
2016-09-03	My daughter has 3 children at primary and her 4th cannot join her brother and sisters. She cannot physically get her kids to two schools at the same time. The upset this is causing parents is terrible. It needs to change.
2016-09-03	My boys 7 and 4 come September 2016 will be in two different schools.
2016-09-03	I have children in Nottinghamshire& want them to attend the same school. As a teacher in Nottinghamshire I am concerned about the effect of this decision on the attendance& punctuality of siblings at other schools.
2016-09-03	I have seen how devastated both the parents and child of a family are who this has impacted on.
2016-09-03	This change is affecting so many people, it's not fair and needs to be addressed by the authorities and corrected as soon as possible!
2016-09-03	I know of friends going through this. Not fair on the ; year olds!
2016-09-03	Our 4 year old hasn't been allowed to go to the same school as his brother because of the changes brought in by NCC. The way the changes were brought in is appalling, having come from a family of teachers who spent their careers keeping families together and supporting family values NCC have destroyed this with one unlawful change.
2016-09-03	My family is affected by the dropping of the siblings criteria and we now have the situation where 4 and 7 year old brothers are at schools 5 miles apart.
2016-09-03	My grandchildren will be starting school in the next few years and I don't want them and their parents going through the same ordeal. What about parents that don't drive so can't get to 2 different schools on time!

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016-09-03	My 4 and 7 year old grandsons are being forced to attend schools 5 miles apart.
016-09-03	I am so upset to see my daughter and her young families lives in such distress due to this change. My eldest 3 grand children attend the same primary school and their younger sister has been denied a place. If this change had to be implemented protection should have been put in place for existing pupils siblings. My family, like many others have been left distraught by this situation
016-09-03	How do parents expect to be at different schools at the same time aswell as work
016-09-03	All children should be in the same schools for both the kids sake and the parents
016-09-03	I have friends that have been affected this and I don't want it to happen to me when my boy starts school next September.
016-09-03	I'm a parent, and a teacher. I feel very strongly about the 'sibling' criteria being removed from the application process. How can parents drop off and collect children to/from different schools? Siblings should be together.
016-09-03	My nephew and niece are soon to attend different schools.... This is going to cause tremendous upset especially to my nephew who has many problems, change being a major factor. My sister in law is going to find it hard to be in two places at once and although breakfast club is an option she also has an 11 month old baby to sort as well. It just seems so unfair.
016-09-03	Because this will affect my children and their siblings
016-09-03	My daughter starts school next year, her older brother (who will then be in yr 4) goes to the school we want her to go to, even though it's out of catchment he still got in. Why should younger siblings suffer because some fools at the Council have no consideration for how a stupid decision to remove this criteria can & will affect hundreds of parents & children.
016-09-03	The new rules are unfair and impossible
016-09-03	I feel strongly that sibling should be together
016-09-03	This will affect me in a few years time, even though I have not move house since the council gave my older son a place at [REDACTED] but they may not give my youngest a place even though it is the same distance to each school around me.
016-09-03	This issue has caused my son and daughter in law and especially my grandsons a lot of distress and upset it is extremely unfair.
016-09-03	There is enough pressure on parents as it is without forcing them to try to be in two places at the same time twice a day! Ridiculous!
016-09-03	I have a younger child who will need to be at the same school as his older sibling in the future. There could be a chance we wont be in the catchment area and with this ludicrous rule in place, it could affect him getting a place.
016-09-03	I want my children to be at the same school.
016-09-03	These changes are detrimental and unfair to children starting school and their parents. Notts County Council's idea of effective consultation is laughable at best, inept in reality.

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- 2016-09-03 There are many families who's lives are being torn apart by this so it needs to be changed and put right.
- 2016-09-03 Im in the situation and both my babies have been split up into different schools.. its a 45minute walk between schools and impossible to get them both there on time... i dont want to move my son schools as hes settled and doi really well.
- 2016-09-03 It is so unfair sibings cannot attend the same school and make their parents be in 2 places at once.
- 2016-09-03 My daughter has not been given a place in the same school as her sister and we are now looking to move from our family home away from Nottinghamshire because of this decision
- 2016-09-03 This may affect me next year having moved house just over the catchment border for my son's school. However our new catchment school is further away and over subscribed so I would like my daughter to go to school with my son. Sounds like I might not get a place now
- 2016-09-03 [REDACTED]
- 2016-09-03 I know someone who as to take two young children to different schools
- 2016-09-03 Friends of mine are being unfairly affected by this.
- 2016-09-03 I'm appalled
- 2016-09-03 I'm worried about my daughter next urs intake
- 2016-09-03 I believe this is unfair the way they pick people but i bet their families are sorted
- 2016-09-03 This ruling just doesn't make sense. School/work/life balance is hard enough for families already.
- 016-09-03 Its not a great way to split brothers or brothers & sisters family up because of age should go on catchment area of homes to schools like it always used to .
- 016-09-03 I'm out of catchment for the school my son attends and his younger sister will be starting foundation stage this year, and we will be applying for school place for next year. I also work at the school. It would be logistically impossible and detrimental to my daughter to not get a place in a school she is already familiar with because we are out of catchment.
- 16-09-03 A close friend us having to relocate out of Nottinghamshire because of this stupidity! Not one parent in Nottinghamshire with children in school have received word or been asked to vote in said actions!
- 16-09-03 I believe siblings should attend same school
- 16-09-03 The new present system is unfair
- 16-09-03 My twin daughters will now be attending a school miles away from their brother. I am devastated that this has happened. Still can't believe they won't be with him and pick ups and drop offs are going to be a real issue for us.

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- m 2016-09-03 I do not believe it is fair to separate siblings as school runs can be tricky enough for working parents never mind with the added worry of having to get to two or three separate schools possibly at the same time. It is impossible not to mention the cost of extra childcare if schools do end at the same time. Having children is often a difficult decision for most who work and have no option of collecting their own children from school on a regular basis and having to worry about having two children in two separate schools seems exceptionally unnecessary! The decisions on the criteria for children getting into school seem unfathomable!
- d 2016-09-03 I'm signing because I have the nightmare of two children at separate schools.
- 1 2016-09-03 I gave friends and family affected by this years rules and regulations.
- 2016-09-03 I've seen the ridiculous situations this has put my friends and their children through and splitting up friendships at [REDACTED].
- j 2016-09-03 I believe siblings should stay together and go to the same school.
- 1 2016-09-03 My daughter is now being home schooled as she can not get into any other school in the area. They offered one my son went to who was bullied and we moved him.
- 2016-09-03 "An Oversubscriptions criterion giving siblings priority to enable them to attend the same school, if that is what their parents wish, seems instinctively to be a sensible approach, particularly at primary school" (School Adjudicator, OSA annual report 2015 para 66)
- 2016-09-03 I have a very close friend who has gone through weeks of upset not knowing whether her son will be attending the same school she works at and what her daughter attends I also wouldn't like to be in her situation..
- 2016-09-03 My niece cannot go to school with her 3 older siblings. I do not want this precedent to be set for other councils
- 2016-09-03 We will be affected next year. I feel it is morally wrong to divide families this way not to mention the emotional stress this would place on both parents and children when trying to negotiate two different sets of school runs, special assemblies, sports days, inset days etc. What a nightmare!
- 2016-09-03 I have been majority affected by this
- 2016-09-03 My children go to an out of catchment school, and I don't drive if this had been in place when I had to apply, the effects would have been horrendous.
- 2016-09-03 It's outrageous that younger siblings can't be guaranteed a place alongside their elder siblings
- 2016-09-03 My family will be massively affected by this sudden (unfair!!) change when my baby is due to start Foundation Stage. It's crazy, the whole school application process is hard enough as it is. Why make it harder for families who just want to choose a good school for their children?!?
- 2016-09-03 My oldest daughter is at one school and my youngest didn't get in because we are not in catchment, I need to go to this certain school as it's my mum's main childcare and she doesn't drive, I will now have to drop 14 hours a week as I have to go to 2 different schools!!
- 2016-09-03 It was rubbish consultation to not ask the parents already linked to the school & then implement with no safety nets.

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	2016-09-03	The impact on families trying to get to two different schools is huge notwithstanding how the siblings will feel about being separated.
	2016-09-03	I feel there should be a system in place to ensure siblings are able to go to the same school. This should be a priority as parents struggle to get their children to two maybe three different schools.
	2016-09-03	It's really hard in families when the children are split up for schooling.
ited	2016-09-03	As of next week, my daughters will have to attend different schools as a result of this criteria change. It will have a huge impact upon our family.
tom	2016-09-03	I hate that my grandchildren are being separated at such a young age, especially as my granddaughter has for the past year been attending the nursery of the school. It all seems very unfair to me.
ted	2016-09-03	My grandson has to go to a different school than his sister when he has been at the nursery for two years and made friends and now has to go to a new school, where he has no one, what about his welfare, they don't care at all do as they like.
	2016-09-03	I've seen how much stress it has caused to families in this situation
	2016-09-03	In support of my sister and her children and all the other parents with more than one child.
	2016-09-03	I believe [REDACTED] needs more provisions before building more homes we simply cannot cope anymore
	2016-09-03	My niece has to go to a different school to her 3 siblings.
	2016-09-03	The policy is unfair and causing unnecessary distress to families
	2016-09-03	This is completely unfair to affected children and parents. How on earth do they expect a parent to be in two places at one time? Utterly ridiculous! And then the child gets told off for being late!!!!
	2016-09-03	I need my nephew and niece together at school not miles apart !!!!
	2016-09-03	It would be immensely difficult to deliver two children to two different schools at differing times. Walk to school efforts will go out of the window for anybody adversely affected. It also makes economic nonsense with extra journeys, different school holidays... a logistical nightmare with young children.
	2016-09-03	[REDACTED]
	2016-09-03	I find it unfair and unjust that siblings from same family should attend split schools. An absolute ludicrous decision, where it is clear that no common sense has been used.
	2016-09-03	how can it be fair to split families up, making life more difficult? Siblings should take priority of catchment!
	2016-09-03	Two of my children go to one school and we have just moved and my daughter is due to start soon but we have moved half a mile away to a different catchment area!
	2016-09-03	It's not fair children of the same family should go to same school
	2016-09-03	Very unfair to my friends' little children

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d 2016-09-03	My children are now going to different schools at age 4 and 6 and I had no idea about the changes that have taken place!
2016-09-03	It concerns my grandchildren in the future. Yet again another failing by the county council, with a stupid policy. Let's think how late children will be getting to school alone, then think about how that one statistic will affect the school tables
2016-09-03	You've separated my two children when you knew it would cause a massive impact on our family because of disabilities. If you have a link to the primary school because of another child you should go before families who want in but don't yet have any children there.
2016-09-03	Families should be together, it's too daunting for youngsters to be split into different schools at any age nevermind at 4 yrs old
2016-09-03	I will not be able to take two children to two different schools for the same time!
2016-09-03	I have many friends who have young children and they may not get into their siblings school
2016-09-03	My child may be affected
2016-09-03	This situation affects the children of friends of mine and I can't imagine going through such inconvenience, hope this petition makes a difference.
2016-09-03	I have witnessed the disruption and grief experienced by families forcibly split between different schools.
2016-09-03	As a parent i cannot imagine the stress that these parents go through... it's also not fair on the children how are no doubt effected by patents been put under this stress as well as losing the support of siblings.. I've had first hand experience of seeing the effect of parents rushing around and juggling schools...
2016-09-03	It will mean i will have to move my son to another school because of this unfair decision!
2016-09-03	I have friends whose young children have been needlessly separated in this way.
2016-09-03	I have four children now grown up . I know that I could not have coped with my children being in different schools
2016-09-03	It is totally unfair and unreasonable to expect parents to take children to different schools
2016-09-03	I have a young child so this would affect our family life
2016-09-03	This frightens me, I loved going to school with my sisters and now as a parent the logistics of this will be a complete nightmare yet alone all of the other social and well-being benefits put at risk.
2016-09-03	My children will be starting at different schools this week because of this nightmare. Both my children and I are devastated by the situation that NCC have put us in.
2016-09-03	I currently have two children in out of catchment schools. My youngest born is due to start sept 18 (decelerated start as she is summer born). If she fails to get a place i will have the logistical nightmare of children in different schools but tge added issue of getting an alternative head teacher to agree to take her into reception out of cohort.

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nited	2016-09-03	This criteria change has caused huge stress to our family. Our daughter cannot attend the same school as her sister and has to leave the friendships she has made at the nursery of the school. Had we been aware of the proposal, like many others we would have expressed our views during the consultation period.
n	2016-09-03	Children need to be at the same school as they're siblings it supports them and makes it easier for the parents to get them to school on time very important for their education.
3.	2016-09-03	This shouldn't happen. EVER! how on earth does a parent split in two, dropping and collecting children from different schools?? Not to mention the emotional impact on the siblings, unnecessarily split up! Disgusting!
	2016-09-03	Because I have a child going to school next year and I really need her to be in the same school as her older brother
ted	2016-09-03	I wonder how many children will be late for school because of this, it's a ridiculous situation for an awful lot of people.
	2016-09-03	its a logistical nightmare for parents with primary school aged children to get them to 2 or more different schools
ed	2016-09-03	It has affected friends of mine and could easily have affected me. So unfair!
	2016-09-03	I would have been devastated had I not gone to the same school as my older sister. How do the council expect families to get 2 children to different schools at the same time?
	2016-09-03	I think a child's educational environment should encourage and nurture family relationships. Families and children in particular should stay together wherever possible.
	2016-09-03	This will affect my family.
	2016-09-03	It makes no sense and makes life difficult for parents and the children
1	2016-09-03	My daughter already attends local school which is five minute walk from our house yet to get to our catchment school you have to drive past her current school, in a couple of years I will be requesting for my son to attend the same school and feel it's only fair that siblings at current school should be a consideration.
	2016-09-03	My children have been affected and will go to separate schools
	2016-09-03	It's disrupting the older child's life if younger sibling doesn't get in. In this situation I would have to remove the older child from his school to join the younger child which would be very upsetting.
	2016-09-03	I have an 18 month old who will be starting school in a few years and I want her to attend the same school as her brother.
	2016-09-03	I will soon be applying for my sons school place and need him to go to the same school as his older brother
	2016-09-03	My daughter is starting school on Wednesday and my son starts in two years, I want them both at the same school.

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ed 2016-09-03	I had no awareness of this change until I was told by the school where my eldest son goes that we are unlikely to get a place for my youngest because of the change. My partner is in the army and based away from home and I have no close family to help with a school run. my youngest being made to go to another school will mean my eldest would have to move schools to as he is diagnosed with asd this could really effect him when he will be in year 5 and reaching a crucial time in his education.
ad 2016-09-03	I have 2 boys with 2 years between them and i would of struggled getting my youngest to a different school if this had happened when my youngest started. I know parents who have children at different schools and i know of the struggles they have to face and also the affect it has on the young children going into reception. Its a big step for them as it is with out them being upset and confused as to why they cant be with their older siblings.
2016-09-03	It's unfair for all the children and parents involved to have to be separated from there older siblings who make them feel more at ease in a somewhat scary situation. And the stress for the parents who need to get two children to two different schools in time, some whilst trying to get to work on time and not being able to afford two lots of breakfast club fees. It's just wrong...
id 2016-09-03	I am affected by the new sibling change. My son will be going back to nursery instead of started his first day of school, because it is just impossible for me to have my children at different schools at the same time. This change is so wrong!
2016-09-03	It affects my family
2016-09-03	It affects my school
2016-09-03	if my daughter doesn't get her place at my sons primary school next year I will have to do the school run to 3 different schools with my eldest child also at a different school!
2016-09-03	My son aged 3 is in the same nursery school as my sons school aged 7
2016-09-03	Many of my friends have been effected by the change (without being told it's even changed) and I want it sorted before my younger children are applying.
2016-09-03	It's our right
2016-09-03	siblings should not go to separate schools
2016-09-03	This has happened to two of our grandchildren
2016-09-03	This sibling rule could possibly effect My children later on when my youngest is ready for school
2016-09-03	My eldest will be starting next academic year with 2 younger siblings to follow. This is a ridiculous rule not only for the daily logistical nightmare but also because it can mean extra costs for different uniforms etc, families dealing with conflicting key dates for important events such as shows, parents' evenings, INSET days; trying to learn 2 different rules and routines for different routines and also trying to form relationships with different staff. This is utterly ridiculous and needs stopping now!
2016-09-03	This has caused real problems with my daughters friends

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2016-09-03	In addition to the emotional benefits of attending the same school as sublimates, getting two or more children to two or more schools, whilst also being gainfully employed & having to get to work on time is logistically impossible. It is as simple as that
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2016-09-03	It's obvious!! It is simply not possible for a parent to get 2 or more children to different schools on time in the morning. Pick up time at the end of the day is also impossible & may raise safety concerns for children hanging around, waiting for their parent to collect them!!
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2016-09-03	I have two children currently attending different schools, being a single parent makes it almost impossible to pick them both up at the end of the day.
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2016-09-03	Parents with siblings out of catchment need to have priority over children without siblings in catchment, as it is more inconvenient for a parent to travel to 2 schools, than a parent to travel out of catchment to 1 school.
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2016-09-03	I have friends who have been in this situation and I found not agree that it should happen, it's not right how can you be in two different places at one time.
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2016-09-03	We have had no notice of any consultation and consider the changes prejudicial in the extreme. There cannot be a logical justification for this change, and this is highly undemocratic.
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2016-09-03	I was not aware of this despite having a child in a Nottinghamshire County Council school. This change seems unfair and poorly consulted.
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2016-09-03	It is unfair to expect families to get children to separate schools.
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2016-09-03	Because this will affect me in the future and I think children should have the right to attend the same school as their siblings!
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2016-09-03	Forcing siblings to go to different schools causes stress and heartache for families.
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2016-09-03	This has affected my children
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2016-09-03	I believe that it is unreasonable to ask parents of young children to take and collect them from different schools. These schools often have the same start and end times which results in at least one sibling missing vital minutes of their education everyday due to travel time which in turn adds up to hrs/days lost over the course of a year.
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2016-09-04	How's about giving us working families a break.
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2016-09-04	My children are in separate schools at 4 and 6 yrs old after losing 2 appeals on this decision
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2016-09-04	This effects my family.
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2016-09-04	This going to affect my youngest child and have a huge impact on us as a family, especially as both myself and my husband work!
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2016-09-04	I have a grandchild in an out of catchment area school with a younger sister who we hope will be able to attend the same school when she is school age
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2016-09-04	This move has gone under the radar, it has not been correctly advertised. Some catchment schools are further away than out of catchment schools, therefore siblings are unable to support each other with the journey too and from school, schools also have different start and finish times so this move is going to be a logistical nightmare, juggling school drop offs and working hours.
2016-09-04	This is not a good idea should be scrapped
2016-09-04	I feel for families who are struggling as a result of this ill conceived rule. I know I would have been in a mess if my boys had been placed in separate schools.
2016-09-04	Safety for the children forced to attend different school. Stress on parents. Difficulties and problems it will cause both parents and school's as children cannot be picked up at same time. I ,already know what impact this has and the worry of getting to the other siblings. It is obvious who ever wants to implement this has never had this problem and should try it.
2016-09-04	This policy will directly affect my children and it is wrong
2016-09-04	This policy really does go against common sense
2016-09-04	I am a concerned parent who will have children at school age soon.
2016-09-04	Change is ridiculous. do the council have no common sense! How are parents suppose to take 2-3 kids to different schools that start at the same time
2016-09-04	Brothers and sisters should be able to attend the same schools!
2016-09-04	This has affected me this year it's outrageous and put huge strain on my career and my partners place at university as it stands we a child of 4 with no school place now
2016-09-04	I do not agree with the new change
2016-09-04	I have children and think this change is awful, siblings should be allowed to be educated through the same schools, and the pressure to get them to different schools is unreasonable
2016-09-04	I was unaware there was a consultation - this will effect me and I am very unhappy about it!
2016-09-04	It will be impossible for me to get 2 children to school in time of they are separated... Crazy!!!!
2016-09-04	We should have been consulted about this process, working parents can not possibly manage to drop at different schools, with the children being on time and then getting to work on time, this does not help people or encourage people to go back to work or start work when their children are school age.
2016-09-04	My sister is now living out of catchment for the school her daughter goes to, she has another little girl due to go to school in 2018/2019 and we would like them to go to same school
2016-09-04	I will be affected by this when my child starts school in September 2018
2016-09-04	Make sense to keep together, for many reasons

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2016-09-04 Things should be more fair

2016-09-04 This is the first I've heard of it and it will effect my youngest child who starts school September 2017

ited 2016-09-04 I believe this is wrong, I know so many families that are upset this year as the children didn't get in to the same school, not only this but trying to get two children to two different schools at the same time isn't going to happen

ited 2016-09-04 Even though this doesn't affect my family directly, I sympathise with the families that are left in despair, trying to arrange childcare and school runs when their children are in different schools at the same time. It must increase pressure already applied to those who both parents work, who only have 1 or no vehicle, single parents and disabled parents/carers.

m 2016-09-04 Some of my friends are affect by this rule and it's ridiculous to expect parents to be in 2 places at once if the children have siblings in that school then it should automatically be that the younger one's get a place too.

2016-09-04 My niece has been refused a place at school with her brother and two sisters due to this absurd new policy. Looking back at my childhood, I assumed it was a given that I would be at the same school as my siblings and would have felt so isolated and removed from my family had I not been.

2016-09-04 It will be so hard to have 2 children going to different schools and having to get to work on time. My wife is a nurse and when on call it would be to much to juggle

m 2016-09-04 I have a friend who has a 2 minute walk to school for her eldest child & a 15 minute commute for her youngest. It makes no sense.

2016-09-04 It is terrible for children to have to attend different schools.

2016-09-04 This has impacted on my cousins children- it's unfair.

2016-09-04 This change has meant that my niece and nephew now have to attend different schools. Not only are the implications huge for my sister and brother-in-law with regards their work and getting the children to school, but at the root of it all is a 4 year old boy being told that he cannot go to the same school as his big sister. Heartbreaking and completely unnecessary!

1 2016-09-04 My daughter aged 4 never recieved a place at [REDACTED] retford where her brother aged 8 attends. The consequences of this are devastating for us as a family, I will have to leave my job as a result of this just to be able to take my 3 children to school & day care, resulting in now looking at having to sell our family home. My children are very worried & anxious about the start of next term as one of them knows they will be late everyday & also knowing i will have to leave one of them in the office at the end of the school day till i can get there. This change of criteria has not been thought through properly & have turned so many lives upside down!!! Appalled at the lack of communication regards to this change, working in a school myself in nottinghamshire not one member of staff was aware of the changes nor was the school my children are at!! With only 9 responds to the change this was obviously done very under hand. The damage is done for us now but this needs changing back for future families.

2016-09-04 I've seen the problems this has caused my friend. Her children have been forced to swap schools because of the change. The worst part is they were not warned about the changes which has meant major upheaval and upset.

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| n | 2016-09-04 | I am a teacher and have seen this happen to a number of families at our school this year, including a good friend, who are all heartbroken at taking their children to different schools this week. |
| | 2016-09-04 | Some parents, specially single parent's feel, even IF they have the option, want their children to be in the same school. I have a friend who is expected to travel to two schools with a half hour travel time and yet to be on time with both schools. It's stupid |
| | 2016-09-04 | The change in admission criteria seems to have created so many problems for so many families. Something needs to be done to overturn this new criteria as it will continue to affect families in a detrimental way for years to come. |
| | 2016-09-04 | I was not offered my catchment school and instead placed in an out of catchment school. My son will be in year 1 this Sept and my second son will be going next sept. This was not my choice and I am very angry that I have been placed in this position against my will and without adequately informing me at the time my eldest went to school. This simply cannot happen and is unjust. |
| m | 2016-09-04 | I have seen this happen to so many friends and the impact it has on their family life. This needs to be sorted. |
| | 2016-09-04 | If I had children I'd want them to be able to go to the same school together. Different schools for families would be ridiculous. |
| | 2016-09-04 | I feel very strongly about this. Siblings should not be separated and parents find it hard enough to get their children to school without having to go to two or three separate ones prior to work! |
| n | 2016-09-04 | Signing this petition. Because it can be a real struggle for parents to get to pick their kids at school if they are at separate schools and unable to get to both with traffic building & being late leaving a child longer behind whilst there watching school friends leaving on time. Very Unfair needs more thought into this situation. |
| ed | 2016-09-04 | I have a younger daughter due to start school in 2 years and would like to have her at the same school as her sister. |
| | 2016-09-04 | My children have been separated! This is going to cause not just financial difficulty for my family but emotional difficulty too for us all. This is ridiculous and needs changing back ASAP! |
| | 2016-09-04 | Local government craziness strikes again! No common sense no real concept of how the real world works |
| | 2016-09-04 | I have 3 children with my youngest due to start primary school September 2017, we live slightly out of catchment and are concerned that my son will not get a place with his brothers. |
| | 2016-09-04 | I may face the same challenge in a few years when my youngest will be attending school |
| ed | 2016-09-04 | Siblings should not go to different schools and this may affect my children also in future years |
| | 2016-09-04 | I have friends in the area directly affected by this. It's a huge thing that can cause severe disruption to a young family and their well being |
| ed | 2016-09-04 | This affects myself and it should never have been changed in the first place without the knowledge of this being made public. Disgraceful. |
| | 2016-09-04 | Siblings should be able to go to the same school |

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	2016-09-04	I feel for all the people this has effected. I have a son at school at next year I will have this problem. Your kids starting school should be a nice feeling and not stressful. I don't know how the expect families to be in two places at once.
	2016-09-04	This affects my household..!
d	2016-09-04	My grand children are now going to be parted from the same school after my youngest enjoying her first year at nursery has not been granted a place. 2 schools and a child minder for their younger brother, breakfast club, after school club expenses and mum trying to be at work on time at her own school of employment, stress, expense and uncertainty of outcome long term all seems totally unnecessary if it had been thought through closely beforehand.
	2016-09-04	It affect us now and will do in the future if changes aren't made !
	2016-09-04	I'm signing because, as a former primary head teacher, I always considered the importance of family admissions and would never have accepted such a heartless policy as this.
m	2016-09-04	parents should have the right to choose where their kids attend school and frankly that might not be the nearest school to them. then to have a place for their oldest child and not for the rest is discusting! my local school is not somewhere I would like to send my child and lucky in the fact I don't have to!
m	2016-09-04	What a ridiculous thing to do, I agree some schools become over subscribed but if you already have a child in that school then it's common sense there younger sibling should get a place. If they want to phase out the sibling rule then perhaps they should do it when there older sibling is in year 6. I am so glad this is not going to affect us as our youngest doesn't start until next year and our eldest primary child is going into year 6.
	2016-09-04	A friend has two children. The first is at the local primary school. They have just moved house and are now closer to this school and in the catchment area but cannot get the second child into the same school.
	2016-09-04	This is unfair & unjust, and a logistic nightmare for thousands of parents. I have sat in a room full of parents appealing school allocation for this reason alone & you could see how much it would affect them. The educations spokesperson said it was advertised in local gp's & schools yet school websites hadn't been amended nor did they include this info in newsletters etc.
i	2016-09-04	I live just out of catchment for my daughter's school and will need my 3 yr old to attend September 2017.
	2016-09-04	As a teacher i already know the stress parents are in trying to get siblings into good schools and making it more difficult is just not acceptable!
d	2016-09-04	I work in a school. I have seen first hand this year how upsetting it is for pupils and parents that have not got in their chosen schools. We have had 3 families that have been affected by this new criteria. They all have an older sibling in their chosen school but because of the changes their younger children have had to go to a different school. I do not know how they are going to drop children off on time at two separate locations. The children came to the school nursery and have built up lovely friendship groups. I feel that the whole situation is an absolute farce and my heart goes out to these poor families affected.

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2016-09-04	NCC have broken my family. 2 older siblings in [REDACTED] and my youngest got refused a space. She's been poorly all the 6 weeks holiday with stress.
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It's caused heart ache, rows and money loss. Having to change hours at work and double back to different schools.

I'm a working parent and now my job is jeopardised too.

NCC changed the rules without a proper consultation and didn't follow their own rules. What they've done is immoral to families. They should change all the photos of happy families on their website because they've broken so many.

This will have life long effects on young childrens relationship with education because they're angry, upset and confused.

If you were going to change the rules you should have let existing families run their course rather than breaking them up.

Proof in the word

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Council DO NOT support families, they break them

2016-09-04	The lack of consultAtion has had a devastating effect on families making it almost impossible for parents to get children who are now at different schools to school on time. It has also impacted on schools themselves because there have been so many appeals schools Will not know until September which children they are actually getting!
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2016-09-04	This happened to our family, 2 children at 2 different schools, was heartbreaking.
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2016-09-04	This is an impossible situation for many families. It has caused unnecessary and hurtful problems.
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2016-09-04	My children have had to change school due to the unfair changes to the admissions policy.
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2016-09-04	Extremely difficult for parents to get their children to school on time if at different schools especially when no transport is provided. Also when trying to get children to walk to and from schools to cut down the traffic congestion around schools would be impossible to attain.
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2016-09-04	I need my children to attend the same school as my husband is disabled and I can't physically be in 2 places at once
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2016-09-04	A close friend has been screwed over by this council law
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2016-09-04	This could affect my children in a couple of years
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- 2016-09-04 The change that has been made is absolutely unfair and I am pretty sure unlawful. No one would have agreed to this if the council had actually done as they are supposed to and put this to the public vote. No advanced warning was given to parents to even give them a chance to sort this out before they sneaked the change in on the quiet. Shame on you Nottinghamshire County Council!!!! There are now a huge amount of 4 year olds across Nottinghamshire who are massively upset and even some having self confidence issues because of this ridiculous change. Some are now removed from the schools they attended nursery at for the past 1-2 years, removed away from all of their friends and their brothers and sisters. They have been turned into outcasts, try explaining to a 4 year old why they can't go to the same school as their brothers and sisters and all of their friends. Totally disgusting behavior by Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 2016-09-04 My child didn't get into same school as her sister
- 2016-09-04 I think parents should have the right to choose to have their children at the same school, not forced separation
- 2016-09-04 I want my 1 year old to be able to go to the same school as her sister as I work and already rely on friend's some days to get my 5 year old to school. Attending 2 different schools would be impossible. Our house is now too small for our family and we want to move to a bigger house. We are extremely restricted in the catchment area and nothing in our price range is coming in the market. As much as we would love to stay in the catchment area we may have to consider moving to a slightly different area of [REDACTED], not out of [REDACTED] so still close to the school but this change of criteria has halted our house search. I really can not see the benefit in changing the sibling rule and don't understand how it benefits anyone.
- 2016-09-04 I know quite a few families this has really affected this year, and it really concerns me as if continues may affect us. We live 1 street out of catchment to the school we have chosen as it is a 20 minute walk however our actual catchment school is a 45 minute walk!! So we chose the closer non catchment school as we would like to be able to walk daily. This ruling however may mean my younger son may not end up in the same school which would truly be ridiculous!
- 2016-09-04 You can't expect mums never mind working mums to get two or more children to different schools on time and then get themselves to work on time. Also splitting family members up.
- 2016-09-04 My daughter who is 7 has gone to [REDACTED] since pre school, her younger sister has been allowed to start preschool but I have been warned as we live out of catchment it is likely that my youngest wouldn't get in to school when preschool is finished. Why allow a child to start in preschool, make friends, feel comfortable in their surroundings, to then say, sorry you have to start at a brand new school and by the way you won't see your older sister either!!!
- I understand the thinking behind people in catchment should be chosen first but because we were out of catchment I have made a massive effort to be part of the school community, helping with baking for the children, raising funds as part of the ptfa as I want my children to have the best going forward and I feel proud to have played a part in it. Is tearing a 4 year old child away from friends and family really right for anyone concerned be it the child, the parents, the teachers etc???
- 2016-09-04 My daughter start full time in sept 17 and we are not sure whether she will get a place with her brother as we are out of catchment

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2016-09-04	My older child is in school and I'm concerned my youngest will not get a place.
2016-09-04	This is utterly ridiculous not only the decision itself but the fact that the process was flawed. I am disgusted as a mother of two that this could happen to win kings across the county.
2016-09-04	Why make life more difficult for families!
2016-09-04	Instead of my son starting his first day at school Wednesday, he is redoing nursery as the school he was given is not the same as his sisters and is 1.4 miles away. This is a 20minute walk and then another 30/40 minute walk to get to his sisters school. This is impossible. So we have decided and feel totally awful about, but have no other choice, but to defer his school start year, to 2017
2016-09-04	I have been given an out of catchment school for my eldest and I worry that his brother will be sent to a different school because of this.
2016-09-04	Although I was one of the few lucky ones I know so many that it has effected.
2016-09-04	I'm signing because this changes impacts so many, I know of people who have got into this school and aren't in the catchment area yet families who have siblings already at the school and are in the catchment haven't got it, it's ridiculous
2016-09-04	My child was at a feeder school to his brothers school who is due to start year 6 at a new school because his younger brother didn't get in because I'm 0.2 of a mile out of catchment if my house was built in back garden I would be in
2016-09-04	I know someone who has to take there kids to different schools, how silly are these rules. They need to go to the same school.
2016-09-04	My friend would like her children in the same school!
2016-09-04	Children from same family should go to the Same school
2016-09-04	I have never heard of these changes and this will affect us too in 2 years' time!!! Outrageous!
2016-09-04	my son will be in year 3 when his sister starts full time education It's unfair for them Both to go to two different schools and also for My daughter to be taken away from her friends and nursery where she is settled and enjoys going, also as to start all over again with getting to use the school, mixed emotions. The catchment school for my area as a poor Ofsted rating so I'm not going to send my children there when I know I can drive ten mins for my children to go to a good nursery/school.
2016-09-04	I also have a son who wasn't given my first choice (he has now) but all his family friends dad and me went to the same primary school yet they didn't want to accept him instead send him nearly 2mile away from our own needing to catch 2 buses to take him there! It's not fair on these single parents or any parent trying there best to work aswell as take there children to a good school they are familiar with!

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ited	2016-09-05	My little girl was meant to start full time school this September, but wasn't given a place at the same school as her 2 brothers already go to. Even after appealing it still they say there is no space for her, which I am now learning her at home intill there is a place for her. Which all I'm told is that she's on the waitin list. Sendin her to different school to her brothers which isn't possible coz there's no way I can be a two different schools at the same time to collect my children. It's a total joke
ited	2016-09-05	My granddaughter has been allocated to a different school to my grandson it is impossible to get them to different schools on time in a morning and to pick them up at the end of school it's disgraceful
ited	2016-09-05	My niece has been signed to a different school from her brother an it makes it impossible for my sister to get them both to school on time an pick them both up on time without leaving one of them standing by themselves waiting I really think the system needs looking at has this is a really big problem which is affecting loads of families
om	2016-09-05	This could happen to our family in the next 2 years
	2016-09-05	I feel strongly that siblings should have the best chance at being able to attend the same school. Starting school is daunting enough without being split up.
	2016-09-05	I have primary school aged children
n	2016-09-05	Authorities should give consideration as to the impact of their decisions on families. Pressures are enough for young families without making life even more difficult for them.
id	2016-09-05	My family have been split up because of what Notts County Council have done.
	2016-09-05	This this new rule is so unfair
m	2016-09-05	As a parent and now grandparent I know the adverse affect this policy has on families. As a retired teacher I can foresee the adverse affect this policy will have on the school.
	2016-09-05	This is totally unfair and disruptive for families.
	2016-09-05	This decision seriously and directly affects my good friends who live in [REDACTED] and who's youngest son may not be able to attend the school his brother goes to, creating a very difficult situation for the family, both logistically, emotionally and possibly financially.
	2016-09-05	If this change since essay I should be phased to only impact new intake families and not those with children already in the school
	2016-09-05	Family significantly affected by the change in admissions criteria
	2016-09-05	I support the right of siblings to attend school together and have seen the benefit while working in education!
	2016-09-05	I have several relatives who will be affected by this change. And I don't think the change has been organised with fair consultation with those who will be affected.
	2016-09-05	My children have been separated two children in 2 different schools that both have the same start time with a 15 minute walking distance between them mission impossible as I don't drive so one of my children's education is going to suffer and have regular late marks

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rd,	2016-09-05	Children are having to move schools because their younger sibling cannot gain a place at the school they attend. This seems unsettling and unfair. The previous entrance rules were better and fairer to children.
m	2016-09-05	As a former chair of school governors I feel that this would split families and add to their overall transport costs. It would increase traffic congestion and add more stress at a difficult time for young children.
om	2016-09-05	Siblings should have the right to school together what stress does ferrying kids to different school have on the family unit. Huge.
	2016-09-05	This has to be up there with the foolish objectives of Notts CC. Ludicrous. Keep your kids at home. Home Education.
	2016-09-05	My son [REDACTED] has been denied a place at the primary school his older brother attends. How Notts CC can think it is okay for families to have two drop offs at the start and end of a school day is beyond me! I feel there has been very little consultation on the change of admission criteria - it is unjust and wrong.
	2016-09-05	My children aren't in either of my catchment schools and when I have to reapply for them both during this school year the chances of them both being sent to separate schools is very high
	2016-09-05	I'm signing because I have 2 granddaughters, one has just started the infants school and would be nice when my other granddaughter starts school, it will be the same as her sister
	2016-09-05	It's The Right Thing To Do. No Kids Should Stop Off Schools Because They're Noisy.
	2016-09-05	This is an absolute farce and is and will continue to seriously affect families across the region. What a joke!!!
	2016-09-05	I'm signing this because I think siblings should be able to go to the same school how do they think parents are able to split themselves in two and take their children to different schools as well as getting them there on time. They didn't give enough notice or made it more aware to parents.
n	2016-09-05	The council is run by idiots!
	2016-09-05	Another great idea. Not!
ed	2016-09-05	My nephew has to go to a different school to his sister despite his mum also working at that school. Not supporting working families in Nottinghamshire expecting families to have to get to two different schools.
f	2016-09-05	I think it's disgusting that children are being separated from siblings. How on earth can the children start and leave school on time if the parents have to be in two places at once. Absolutely ridiculous!
	2016-09-05	I'm signing because.. this is ridiculous!
	2016-09-05	Why should families struggle taking their children to different schools when it's hard enough in a morning getting them all to one it is so so wrong.
	2016-09-05	It's wrong to send kids to different schools parents can't be in two places at once
ad	2016-09-05	I have a toddler
ad	2016-09-05	I'm signing because I don't want to be in the same position in 2 years time as a lot of my friends are in now

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ited	2016-09-05	thi has occurred and the school my son attends this year. I have a 2 year old who I will be wanting a place for and don't want the stress a friend has gone through with having to remove her elderdon from the school he was happy and settled within to get both children to the same school
d	2016-09-05	It affects my youngest granddaughter
ited	2016-09-05	We have gone through this and will have to go through it again next year
ited	2016-09-05	my daughter as had problems these problems with my grandkids it causes heartache and stress
	2016-09-05	No one can be in two places at one time
,	2016-09-05	Want my sons to attend the same school, if they go to different schools one is going to be late, think it's absolutely disgusting!!
om	2016-09-05	I have had the same experience ,as my children have been allocated a placement at two different school
	2016-09-05	My 5 and 7 year old grandchildren have been allocated different schools and they both live in the catchment area!,,
ited	2016-09-05	I am signing this has I now have to do two school runs at the same time of the day aswel as work and have a husband with a bad back this change is diabolical and was soo wrong that there was no warnings out for parents until decision day I don't luck forward to next year doing 3 school runs :(
ed	2016-09-05	I have moved about 5mins drive from the school my oldest daughter attends. Her Younger twin sisters will be starting school when she is in year 5, and I've been told that because we aren't in the catchment anymore, it will be a struggle! As a single mum, I can't do 2 school drop offs! They can't go to separate after school clubs! I have tried moving my older daughter, and the schools don't have the space!
	2016-09-05	I signed because someone needs to address the total stupidity of this decision
	2016-09-05	I work in education and see first hand how it affects families.
	2016-09-05	My sister has been negatively affected by the change and now has to drop her children off at different schools at the same time.
om	2016-09-05	It's difficult enough for working families.doing this makes it sooo much harder!!! Harder to for the children attending these different schools which will undoubtedly have a knock on effect for the already over stretched teaching staff.....please rethink
ed	2016-09-05	I think the ruling is ridiculous. It won't directly effect me but think it's a wrong system
	2016-09-05	It's not possible to get to school on time when making the school run to 2 or 3 or even more different schools.
	2016-09-05	I know families that this has effected and it's just not right.
d	2016-09-05	It would be physically impossible for me to take my two children to two different schools!

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2016-09-05	My little girl is already at [REDACTED] and if this is the case it will mean that I would possibly need to move her if her little brother isn't offered a place at the same school which is totally unethical for her.
2016-09-05	This change has directly affected my youngest child's school application
2016-09-05	Our little girl may have to be moved if her brother is not offered a place which would be extremely disruptive to her and because she's so sensitive and has just got settled with her friends would affect her psychologically.
2016-09-05	It seems totally needless and hard for children not to mention parents having to take them to different destinations. Did not have this when I was at school
2016-09-05	It makes no sense to have siblings at different schools. It's setting them up to be late / miss school!
2016-09-05	My granddaughter may have to move school because her brother may not be offered a place at the same school which would be detrimental to her.
2016-09-05	It is totally unfair to expect parents to get children to two different schools at the same time, further more it is totally unfair for siblings to be split, they will have two totally different school experiences and potentially not have the same sibling relationships due to having totally unrelated friends/ experiences/teams/ after school clubs.
2016-09-05	I have a child starting school and 1 on the way. I don't want this to effect my children and physical impossible to take 2+ children to different schools. I want my children to have the same benefits I had at having an older sibling at the same school.
2016-09-05	This has personally effected a very close friend and his family
2016-09-05	I have 2 boys in the same school and my other son will be joining school next year and it would be really upsetting if he had to go to a different school to his brothers.
2016-09-05	[REDACTED]
2016-09-05	I have 4 children in 4 schools
2016-09-05	I feel siblings should be together in the same school
2016-09-05	This may affect my grandchildren
2016-09-05	The reasons made in the petition
2016-09-05	A totally illogical and crass decision, plus an inadequate publicising of this change. In short, diabolical.
2016-09-05	It places parents in an untenable position and the education of the children will suffer if they are constantly late to school because the parent is having to be in two places at the same time! Or it risks disruption to elder child by moving them and upsetting their routine/away from friends and school that knows them and what they respond best to.
2016-09-05	My wife takes our eldest grandson to school and next year the youngest grandson will start school. As I am disabled I will be unable to help and one of them will always be late for school through no fault of their own

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	2016-09-05	I take my eldest grandson to school and when his brother starts next year I will be unable to take them and collect them at the same time. This will cause undue stress and problems at school for them and problems with not wanting to go as they will see it as being left there on their own.
	2016-09-05	I'm signing because I've seen a devastating impact of what this stupid policy does!! Ridiculous!!
om	2016-09-05	I know the pain this will cause to friends with two siblings who will be separated if siblings applications are not prioritised - life is difficult enough for parents without having to drop young children off at different schools...
n	2016-09-05	It's not fair to split siblings up, siblings should be on the criteria list for a place, it needs to be reinstated!
am	2016-09-05	This has had a detrimental affect on my family, the system is so unfair !
	2016-09-05	becasue you failed to inform me about sibling criteria change and my child was refused a place
	2016-09-05	I'm signing bcause it affects my family even though I live miles away. It seems a very unjust system which ever way you look at it!
	2016-09-05	Its absolute idiocy to expect 1 parent to take 2 or more siblings to different schools at the same time
	2016-09-06	Completely disadvantages working parents and indeed single parents with no proper consultation proved by the fact so many teachers unaware!! If they had consulted properly I think may have had a few more objections!!!
ed	2016-09-06	Because my sister has been affected by this situation and how can people be expected to do 2 school drops offs and 2 collections in one day when they also have to go to work to provide for their families.
	2016-09-06	This has effected some of my friends and the upset and pain to see them going through is terrible!
	2016-09-06	Its wrong family sibling should be able to attend school together plus how do you expect parent to get kids to school on time with out leaving one child in the playground alone until the bell goes
d	2016-09-06	My neighbours daughter was out in a different school to her sibling.
n	2016-09-06	How can a parent get to 2 different schools at the same time!
	2016-09-06	I have friends who struggle with two different school runs each day. So sad
	2016-09-06	I have a son and a daughter even if she is only 7month old but when she is old enough to go to school it will be difficult for me and my partner as non of us drive and will take time getting from one school to another I find this outrageous that this be happening.
i	2016-09-06	I would like both of my daughters to go to the same school.
	2016-09-06	It's ridiculous that siblings aren't selected to go to the same school. Does this government want to support working familes or just continue to make our lives harder?
	2016-09-06	Unrealistic
	2016-09-06	Supporting friends and family and it may bevy hectic of the iceberg if it goes unchallenged

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2016-09-06	It's ridiculous!!
2016-09-06	It's the logical and right policy to adopt. Families first please.
2016-09-06	I have 2 grandchildren 6 and 8, who fortunately went back to the same school yesterday. Would have been distressing for them not to.
2016-09-06	I have a child at [REDACTED] (we moved to Mansfield in July 2016) and I will also need/want my daughter to attend the same school
2016-09-06	I have 2 sons, and my youngest didn't get in to my eldest school to start with, so I was going to have to be at 2 schools at the same time, 7.5 miles apart... Impossible. Absolutely ridiculous! Luckily we managed to get him place due to someone else dropping out the school, but this worry and panic shouldn't happen in the first place! If a child has an older sibling at the school they should automatically get a place there, makes no sense physically and emotionally for them not to!
2016-09-06	Siblings should get a preference. It only makes sense.
2016-09-06	The hurt and upset this has caused is disgusting, also you cannot expect children to be on time when they have to be taken to two different schools
2016-09-06	My children have been split with my 4 year old starting school today separately to all her friends and her older brother heartbroken
2016-09-06	It is ludicrous that families are expected to be at 2-3 schools at the same time, on top of dealing with different school holidays, events, parents evening etc
2016-09-06	I have 2 primary age children and there is no way we could manage with them at separate schools! Every family should have a choice of which school they want their children to attend and to have siblings at the same school. Whoever made this decision has no clue about families and obviously doesn't have children of their own.
2016-09-06	The effect these decision have on families is huge, it upsets the child at an early stage in their experience of school life, and can effect the ability to adjust and learn for years to come, thus setting back their attainment by years
2016-09-06	I know how hard it was logistically and emotionally to send my children to two separate schools for a short period of time. What this Council is doing is disgraceful.
2016-09-06	I disagree with the principal that siblings cant always be allowed to attend the same school , it is just not logistically feasible
2016-09-06	I have two children and need them to attend the same school
2016-09-06	It's a disgrace that this has happened.
2016-09-06	I am signing below as if this is happening in Nottinghamshire then it will happen in Derbyshire. I moved recently which made me out of my catchment area. We moved here due to the fact that there was no larger property's for us to buy. If my children got separated then one child would always be late and separated from their friends. This would then mean the education authority's would be on our case.
2016-09-06	I am in the same situation, absolutely disappointed!!

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2016-09-06 This is disgusting. How can children from the same household go to different schools?

2016-09-06 I think it's a disgrace that siblings cannot attend the same school for the reasons detailed by Steve Rye.

2016-09-06 It's not write splitting siblings up

2016-09-06 I think this is an unfair decision that will cause upset to many children and families.

2016-09-06 I feel it's wrong brothers and sister should go same school how can parents pick up and drop off same times

2016-09-06 Siblings out of catchment should be higher priority than just out of catchment kids. Parents cannot be expected to do drop off and pick up at 2 different schools.

2016-09-06 My son goes to a school out of my catchment and a 40 min bus ride away and my daughter goes to one 10 mins down the road it's really hard

2016-09-06 It matters to me!

2016-09-06 My friends children have been affected and as a consequence, with no support from the county council or schools, they will be in breach of education law due to being unable to deliver both children to school on time. They have been advised by one of the schools heads that the children will therefore be marked as 'unauthorised absence'. No support or helpful advice has been given by any of the organisations involved other than the local MP.

2016-09-06 This is very unfair!

2016-09-06 This is unjust and unrealistic for local families, not to mention that siblings will be distraught. Outrageous proposal to begin with and just unbelievable that it's actually been allowed to materialise.

2016-09-06 It causes immense disruption to families to have children attending separate schools.

2016-09-06 Totally disagree with the sibling priority change which I believe was implemented without proper consultation. This has affected our children in that they now attend different schools which presents severe logistical and financial challenges to us. Our oldest was already arranging the school when the criteria apparently changed. NCC have acted appallingly and against the wishes of its constituents

2016-09-06 It is unfair to expect parents to split themselves in two and be in two places at once.

2016-09-06 I'm signing because I feel this will make life more difficult taking one child to one school then having to travel across town to another possibly making one child late and not just that making struggling parents late for work. I was brought up in the same school as my siblings and when you start school it can be very nerve-racking so having your siblings at the same school can make it a little more easier plus how will the school crack down on attendance if one of our children is late for school because I have to travel across town to drop another child off first!

2016-09-06 I can

2016-09-06 There is no logical reason to split up siblings.

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2016-09-06	I would like my son and daughter to go to the same school.
2016-09-07	I am in that situation
2016-09-07	I think that all siblings should be eligible for entry at the same school.
2016-09-07	It's ridiculous to expect a parent to get two children to school at the same time in different parts of a town all based on catchment, numbers etc
2016-09-07	A colleagues family has suffered due to the criteria changing
2016-09-07	This situation stinks to honest normal working folk
2016-09-07	Because all my family went to the same school and I want my children too!!
2016-09-07	I have had to do the school run with siblings school two miles away and it's hard when you have a car never mind when you don't. It's not fair on parents and children
2016-09-07	You can't get 2 siblings to 2 different schools at the same time! Rediculous!!!
2016-09-07	I think it is ludicrous
2016-09-07	This is so unfair and not practical at all.
2016-09-07	Siblings should be able to attend the same school.
2016-09-07	Fully support
2016-09-07	Why would you want to send siblings to different school,how can family's who work hard get two children to two different schools at the same time when one parent is at work already and the other parent can't be in two places at onces, How can you justify this to the children who are missing out on going to schools,when they have already made friends and was already going to the nursery expecting to move up to the next stage in their development but stupid people like you mess it all up with your ridiculous ideas I would like to see how one of you would handle this situation.
2016-09-07	This is a joke.
2016-09-07	Siblings should go to school together !!!
2016-09-07	It's ridiculous
2016-09-07	I would of been debated to not be in the same school as my sister. We want children to feel safe and secure in our schools not stressed and isolated
2016-09-07	It's been this way for years.if not broke why fix it????
2016-09-07	I remember how daunting first day at school was not just for me but for my sister who is autistic and has sever learning difficulties had to fight to get the education is deserved but knowing mt sister was at the same school when I first started was a relief we looked after each other

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2016-09-07	The changes made should effect only new pupils and not existing ones who got a place before the new rules came into effect.
2016-09-07	Do not feel this ruling get is fair or really sensible. Siblings should be able to school together.
2016-09-07	It's ludicrous that siblings are not guaranteed a school place in the same school
2016-09-07	A backwards step which causes distress to very young children and severe stress to parents in what is a crucial step in a child's life. Potentially this move could have a severe adverse effect on a child's education.
2016-09-07	I think this ruling is absolutely ridiculous. Some children in our own village havent got into our village school.
2016-09-07	it's utterly ridiculous to expect parents to be able to get children too two separate schools that start at the same time! Clearly was not thought through properly by council members which is quite frankly shocking.
2016-09-07	It's ridiculous that children with siblings at the school shouldn't be accepted automatically. How do you expect parents to get children to different schools at the same time?
2016-09-07	I have family going through this
2016-09-07	Siblings should be allowed to go to the same school no one can split themselves in 2 and have 2 children at 2 schools it's ridicules
2016-09-07	This is an outrage how they expect parents to get two children to two different schools is ridiculous
2016-09-07	I feel that children of siblings should have the same options as their brother/sisters . It also makes it difficult for parents travelling to different schools. If their is not enough room in schools maybe it's time to expand making schools bigger. It's all about equality,diversity giving children the same opportunities as their siblings. Not splitting them up.
2016-09-07	Siblings should be going to the same schools as this is nearly impossible to get more than one child to 2 different schools at the same time, this puts extra pressure on rush hour aswell due to parents having to drive to the schools instead of walking as their time limit is severely pushed
2016-09-07	Its not fair on the children not being at school.with there friends they have made x
2016-09-07	It's unlikely fair siblings being split up
2016-09-07	Its absolutely ridiculous to expect a parent to get one child to one school and another child to a different school for the start of a school day - why cant siblings be schooled together ? - the stress my friend has to go through in a morning to get them both there on time is ridiculous - Who on earth made the decision to change it - obviously someone who has no children and has ever had to do a school run in a morning - totally shocking and devastating for the parents to be subjected to this idiotic change.
2016-09-07	I think it's a ridiculous idea that a person can drop kids off at 2 different schools at once at the same time.
2016-09-07	Ahe should be able go same school as her sister

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2016-09-07	I have 6 children if they had to go to different school they would not be able to get there
2016-09-07	I had to struggle to get my 4 year old into a school I wanted. And I know I'm going to have the same problem when my now 2 year old gets to school age
2016-09-07	My 4 yr old was not offered a place at the same school as his brother who is 7 yrs old. My 4yr old has special needs and speech delay, I live 0.7 miles from the school and got offered a place 2 miles away, my son has physical delays and could not possibly walk that far, I feel the system needs to be looked at and money being used to help all schools that are struggling to take in extra children. I have had to defer my son this year as I am in no position to be able to give my job up and get them both to two different schools at the same time.
2016-09-07	I have three children at different schools because of this. I'm a single parent and my morning involves travelling 4 miles between schools now.
2016-09-07	This is a very poor and sad. To stop a sister being in the same school is wrong and you should be ashamed of yourself. Ollerton just to be a wonderful place to live and it's people and things like this that are making Ollerton a sad place to live. Think about this poor little girl wanting to be with her sister and being happy they are in the same school!
2016-09-07	I have four children and all attend schools within walking distance of our home. If one was refused a place and given an alternative school we just couldn't physically do it. This needs to be changed.
2016-09-07	I am signing as it is a disgrace that this is expected of someone's siblings should always be in the same school I am a mother of 4 and would be very disappointed if I was in this situation hope it's all sorted out correctly xx
2016-09-07	I believe it's important for siblings to follow each other in school so they can support each other. If they are at different schools you can't be at the same place to pick both up and what about when your working and a childminder fetches them from school it means having to separate the children again and for a parent to have a major rush to fetch the children on the way home from 2 different places
2016-09-07	It causes a lot of problems for families and has no basis in providing high standards of education, it is purely financial.
2016-09-07	I feel it needs sorting and the children should be able to go to the same school
2016-09-07	My friends children have been placed in different schools making it impossible to get them to school on time
2016-09-07	Because of a little girl that cannot go to the same school as her big sister, their parents don't drive and it's physically impossible for them to be at two different schools at the same time.
2016-09-07	This little girl deserves to be with her sibling
2016-09-07	My daughter is in year 2 at a school that we are just out of catchment for, and I thought we would be guaranteed to get my younger child into this school in 2 years time, but that may not be the case now if no sibling priority.
2016-09-07	It's ridiculous to expect parents to be able to go to two different schools. How can they be expected to choose which one will always be late, or which one they go to school events for if they fall on the same day.
2016-09-07	This is unfair to any parents trying to do the best for their children

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2016-09-07	I'm signing because I want to know my two children will go to the same school
2016-09-07	I wouldn't want to be in this position as it would mean I would have 3 children at 3 schools and life is busy enough for working parents
2016-09-07	Disgusting it's hard enough getting kids to different ends of school in a morning but to go to two different schools and be on time (you get shit if you aren't) this needs changing NOW
2016-09-07	My daughter didn't get into the same school as her 4 siblings even though she was going to the nursery last year and now is out of school because the schools near me are full
2016-09-07	Hopefully this won't affect us by the time our current youngest son goes to school however with another child due in November I wouldn't want them in separate schools with 18 months apart.
2016-09-07	It's obvious that a parent cannot be in two places at once. Added to the work responsibilities required for both parents in this day and age the school run is already a challenge. Children should attend the same school as their siblings. Parents have enough pressure without this added extra!
2016-09-07	Personal experience
2016-09-07	Family should always be placed together. This criteria should be of high importance.
2016-09-07	The stupidity of this school's ruling
2016-09-07	It is so difficult to get children to different schools across town. The children with siblings should take priority.
2016-09-07	This is going to cause crazy logistical problems for Notts parents and it doesn't have to be that way. Please reconsider NCC.
2016-09-07	I'm showing my support
2016-09-07	Siblings should be allowed at the same school. Parents can't be expected to drop children off at separate schools at the same time.
2016-09-07	I think it's ridiculous to expect a parent to be in 2 places at once
2016-09-07	Children should be able to attend the same school as older siblings, parents trying to get primary children to different schools in a morning is ridiculous
2016-09-07	Expecting parents to be at two different schools at the same time is ridiculous
2016-09-07	because the system has worked well for years... DO NOT FIX SOMETHING THAT ISN'T BROKEN
2016-09-07	It's hard enough to be a parent especially when we all work, having to go to two schools in a morning and afternoon is ridiculous how can we be in two places at once
2016-09-07	It seems insane that parents should be expected to have to drop children off at two different schools. What if they have the same start time? It seems to me a bit of common sense is required here by Notts CCL
2016-09-07	It is unacceptable that you think a parent is capable of dropping two children at two different schools at the same time.

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2016-09-07	My freind can't take 2 children to 2 different schools and the same time.
2016-09-07	Siblings should be kept together in school
2016-09-07	making lives even harder for parents. Well done, ergh!
2016-09-07	I believe siblings should attend the same school
2016-09-07	My mum has the same problem coming up and my friends all have the same issue! This is beyond pointless! Families move! Doesnt mean they always change schools if they are able to get to them still they cant be in 5 places at once! The new rule is pointless and causing lots of kids to be kept off school!
2016-09-07	It has affected a lot of my friends
2016-09-07	I'm signing because my friends have been affected by this.
2016-09-07	I agree siblings should be in the same school
2016-09-07	This will affect me in next years school selection process for my son
2016-09-07	Its ridiculous ti send siblings to different schools.How do you expect parents to balance this.?
2016-09-07	Im signing because i have 5 children and hope this doesnt happen to me!!
2016-09-07	This will create a logistical nightmare for parents. Impacting on an already challenging family life. What sort of impact will it have on the environment when extra transport is required to take siblings to different schools. Our global footprint appears to be getting bigger not smaller!!! Who is responsible for this latest stupid decision? how do they qualify it? Who actually agrees with it? Definitely a minority who have more power than the majority!!!!
2016-09-07	Im signing because if you expect one person to be in two places at the same time you clearly must be dillusional. In order to take two children to different schools, either one child will be on time and one will be late, or one will be early and one will be on time. How do you choose which child is allowed to be on time, and which child either has to stand in the playground without a parent or turns up to school late. It would be unfair to penalise the parents for turning up late after these county council changes, it also would be wrong to teach children they are allowed to turn up late to school. Lose:lose situation whichever way you go about it. Very unfair and clearly not thought out.
2016-09-07	Siblings should be together in the same school...
2016-09-07	Crazy idea to change!
2016-09-07	I want [REDACTED] to go to the same school as [REDACTED] when he is due to attend!
2016-09-07	I would like my children to go to the same school

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2016-09-07	I do not feel the necessary consultation has taken place to make this a fair and just decision
2016-09-07	I think the new ruling is selfish and very one sided! Absolutely ridiculous!!
2016-09-07	I have close friends effected by this
2016-09-07	I'm signing because I believe it's unfair and unrealistic to have allocated 2 separate schools for that lady's 2 children. What planet are you all on and where's you're logical and compassionate thinking?
2016-09-07	I'm signing because my two grandsons should be allowed to go to the same school.
2016-09-07	It's wrong to expect parents to safely drop and pick children up from different schools
2016-09-07	My daughter has 4 children and has been lucky to get them all in the same school. Otherwise things would be very difficult.
2016-09-07	Im signing because it is the right thing to do and issues like this should never happen.
2016-09-07	I have three children and having then at different schools would be truly impossible and very disrupting to the children.
2016-09-07	I have relatives in Notts who will be having the same disruption in their families if rules not rescinded
2016-09-07	It is unfair and logistically ridiculous
2016-09-07	This will make the lives of these parents easier. The school run is difficult enough for some!
2016-09-07	Am signing this because I would not be sending my kids to differ so schools I think it's wrong I don't drive a car and wouldn't not be a ill to go to 2 school at the same time
2016-09-07	Watching my mother handle 3 children as a single parent for years whilst trying to work, I couldn't imagine her trying to take us all to different schools. Disgusting!! Mother have enough on their plate, single parent or not!
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2016-09-07	<p>I'm signing because I know what a it is to be a parent to more than one child and how schooling is a constant struggle, especially when you have them in different schools.</p> <p>How can you expect people to be in two places at once. Streets aren't as safe as they used to be so children unfortunately can't get themselves to school like they did years back. Plus schools are much further away from homes so travel and distance becomes an issue. You need to reconsider the position you've put this family in.</p>
2016-09-07	I want my three girls together I

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2016-09-07	<p>Firstly this mum can't do this task & secondly children look up to their older sisters /brothers when going to a new school & adapt more to change when they see them enjoying school talking about their favourite topics teachers & this brings on their confidence immensely</p> <p>Does this mummy have to choose which child's schooling is more important to get that child to school on time.</p> <p>Also if inset days (which happen a lot) are on separate days at different schools mummy will have to use more a/l to look after her children then in school holidays they can't be all together as a family which is so important in a child's development so there fore working parents are penalised yet again</p> <p>This needs to be looked at in a bigger picture with the schools</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>The negative effects on siblings, parents, carers and childcare problems that this decision causes. The knock on effect on parents trying to juggle careers and earning a living. Parents rely on grandparents and childcare providers to pick children up from school - this is extremely difficult when they are at different schools.</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>Very worried I will not get my youngest in the same school as her sibling next year due to change in criteria.</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>My grandchildren are just starting school. We want them all at the same school</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>It's ridiculous and a change to schools that I don't think was given enough publication or recognition because finding out about it when it has already been implemented is too late.</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>I had to move house to be placed higher on a waiting list, went through appeal, was not aware of the 4th criteria removal & generally think the sheer lack of disclosure was appalling.</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>As a mother myself I feel this is wrong to separate the siblings! Also it makes it a impossible job for the mother to do the right thing!</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>I have two children and may have to face the fact they will be at different schools. How is this going to be possible? Start time the same but at different locations!!</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>All siblings should be able to go to the same school.</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>It's ridiculous to split family members in schools.</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>There is absolutely no sense at all in splitting families and exacerbating this stressful time . Schools are communities for families and this rule has wrecked this beyond hope - totally insane .</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>It's hard enough to for working parents to be able to drop their child off at one school never mind two!</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>Siblings going to separation schools is LUDICROUS! Whatever person thought this was a good idea clearly had ulterior motives. This was passed despite a majority vote to not allow this.....very suspicious</p>
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2016-09-07	<p>I believe siblings should grow and experience life together. Separating them at a young age is extremely harmful and detrimental to family bonding. All children should be allowed to go to school with their siblings</p>
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om	2016-09-07	The logistics are implausible and there will be financial detriment with families needing to pay breakfast club for one child in order to make sure children are at two different schools at different times. I note that sibling is still a priority for catchment children... Which is a flaw in the argument that it is unfair... As children in catchment may not get in by virtue of siblings of existing catchment pupils ... Why is siblings still considered important for catchment but not outside of catchment? The logistics are just as difficult regardless of being in or out of catchment. What consultation was done to ensure the correct demographics were targeted? As a mother of 2 children I for one knew nothing of this. Lazy attempt to solve massive problem with oversubscribed schools.
m	2016-09-07	I have Grandchildren who could be affected by this ridiculous ruling.
	2016-09-07	I think it's impractical, unnecessary and cruel to split siblings up in this way :(
	2016-09-07	My children are at different schools
ad	2016-09-07	This isn't right, siblings should never be split up especially if they attended the schools nursery! Ridiculous decision
	2016-09-07	Ludicrous. And blatant lack of proper consultation. 9 respondents is - to any mind - not a wide, representative cross section of Nottinghamshire residents.
	2016-09-07	We have a family going through this at moment it's terrible trying to struggle getting children to different schools in the morning stressful enough getting them to school on time in the peak time traffic
	2016-09-07	Because I can.
	2016-09-07	My boys are yet to start school but I'm so worried they will end up in different ones, the change needs to happen now for our children's future's and happiness during their education.
	2016-09-07	My god daughter has been refused a school place
I	2016-09-07	Because several of my friends have got siblings who have had to go to different schools.
	2016-09-07	We live out of catchment and it would not work if we had children in different schools as we have a child who is disabled and has transport home so I have to be back for him. Plus the Xtra running around and time it takes.
	2016-09-07	It's a ridiculous idea to separate siblings , it's hard enough getting the children to school and get to work this will go 1 of ways, children late for school or parents getting in trouble and potentially losing jobs due to time keeping
	2016-09-07	Siblings should attend the same school
	2016-09-07	I think it's unfair that people are expected to pay to have there children out into school early or late (clubs) then to be travelling to another school
	2016-09-07	It is impossible to take two children to two different schools at the same time!
	2016-09-07	I can't believe what I have read !
	2016-09-07	I dont want my boys to be at separate schools when my youngest is at school age

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- 2016-09-07 I don't understand why you can expect parents to be in two place's at the same time all children should be able to attend the same schools as their siblings
- 1 2016-09-07 It's absolutely bloody ridiculous! It defies all notion of common sense.
- 1 2016-09-07 Isabella should go to the same school as casey
- 2016-09-07 I have a friend in the same situation
- 1 2016-09-07 My younger cousins have been so affected by this!
- 2016-09-07 I'm signing because I totally agree that they should be allowed to go to the same school. My nieces & nephews all went to school together, if this happens to my daughter I will be distraught & so will she! Good luck xx
- 2016-09-07 In this day children should still be able to go to there catchment school and placement should not be given to other nations
- 2016-09-07 It will damage the relationship and trust between parents and siblings too.The policy is probably too complex for councillors to navigate -disgraceful lack of competence.
- 2016-09-07 It's ridiculous to expect parents to get their children to school at opposite ends of town at the same time.
- n 2016-09-08 I think it's unfair that they can't got to the same school as there big bro an sisters
- 2016-09-08 I have children going to a school out of our catchment area, and I just have had a newborn, who will eventually be in the same situation if this isn't changed in 4 years when he starts primary and his big sister is still in primary.
- 2016-09-08 It's hard enough trying to juggle the school run without having to go to two different schools not in close proximity at the same time, you either leave one child unattended or get in trouble for making the other late, have some compassion and stop making parents lives harder to suit your own
- 2016-09-08 It makes sense to send siblings to the same schools,a parent can't be in two places at the same time.
- 2016-09-08 I'm signing this to ensure that my children end up in the same school. It would be impossible for me to do to drop off at different schools and then get my self to work.
- 2016-09-08 Stupid rule
- 2016-09-08 Children not going to the same school as their elders does not make sense in this day and age until they get to comp/grammar as apart from parents struggling to get children to school on time, without leaving one in the playground for too long, making this unsafe as unsavory characters will soon pick up that children are left unattended also siblings can't help one another with school activities, reassurance etc. in a word - BONKERS!
- 2016-09-08 It's common sense for siblings to be in the same school
- 2016-09-08 It is utterly ridiculous for parents with a child already at one school to have to take their second child to a different school because of this I'll thought out policy. Please show some common sense and change it.
- 1 2016-09-08 I think it is a ridiculous decision. Another council not thinking about consequences properly!

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2016-09-08	It puts parents in unnecessarily stressful positions.
2016-09-08	It's all wrong!
2016-09-08	The council are basically quite stupid
2016-09-08	My daughter will be starting school next year. My son goes to school out of catchment. It wouldn't be possible to do the school runs at 2 different schools.
2016-09-08	My great nephew has 3 siblings at same school
2016-09-08	I think the bureaucrats that make decisions should all go back to school in the hope that they learn to be sensible and not brain dead
2016-09-08	A crazy idea which has had a visually devastating effect on several families we know and could affect us in the future.
2016-09-08	Families need to be together not only for practical reasons, but to enable teachers to care for families as a whole. The holistic approach is lost & this is doubling up the work load on already stretched services.
2016-09-08	I don't agree with siblings being split to attend different schools. It isn't fair on the children & makes it difficult for the parents.
2016-09-08	children shouldn't be sent to other schools
2016-09-08	This ruling is ridiculous and where is the sense in ??? X
2016-09-08	I think it is unfair to separate siblings. Siblings should have priority to join their older brother/sister. Especially when logistics make it impossible to be in two places at once!
2016-09-08	How are parents supposed to get to two different schools at the same time? Don't change things that don't need changing !!!
2016-09-08	Family members need to be able to attend the same school if parents are to work. It is in the interest of society that families are successful and able to create a harmonious work life transition to best support their children's education.
2016-09-08	Unfair that parents have to be in 2 places at once, usually 1 parent does school drop off and collection, means children are rushed and late or waiting to be picked up which causes anxiety which cannot be a good basis to learn
2016-09-08	I have been affected by this decision. I now have 2 daughters at 2 schools and am struggling to get them to and from school. I'm sick with stress and worry and it's probably been one of the most upsetting periods in my life!!
2016-09-08	Because how do they expect people to be in a same place at same time I've got one child at a school in Sutton in Ashfield and one child at Tibshelf which is 20 minutes drive to each school I just can't do as I am a single parent
2016-09-08	I want all my children to go to the same school. It would be impossible to get them to 2 different schools on time!!

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2016-09-08	My eldest is 5 in year 1 now and last year we couldn't get him into our catchment school or even another closer than almost 2 miles away. He was 6 weeks late starting school when he eventually got a place out of catchmenta school we did not choose. Even though we remained on the waiting lists the two local schools had no places come up, in fact incredibly we fell even lower down the list. We now have his 3 yr old sister in the same school nursery as my son, with no guarantee she will get into the school next September. This will leave me with 2 children in two different schools potentially almost 2 miles apart and start and finish times are practically the same. How can I manage that, not to mention how many different dates and events one has to remember, attend and support. It's ridiculous and divisive to my children to have two different experiences of school and will be difficult for me to return to employment next September if this happens. We went to appeal for my son which was pointless as they could not make a space available. I am so worried about next September and it has not been a positive experience for my son starting school as he didn't start with his peers and he felt the tension and upset it was causing us. I am livid that this new policy will just be making us potentially have to go through this and even worse again next year. I'm furious about it. I have two older children and we never had this in their schooling. It's a sad time for education ... oh and by the way didn't I mention ... I'm a primary school teacher who has decided to take a career break for one of very many reasons. Education in this country is failing teachers, parents and children alike. I despair of it.
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2016-09-08	I don't want this to happen to me in two years time
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2016-09-08	How do they expect parents to get children to school on time if they are going to different schools .
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2016-09-08	I know families affected by this decision
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2016-09-08	School isn't just about a location it is about a community-having children at different schools is not only a logistical stress getting them there and collected on time but prevents the family from being a proper part of either school community and from the siblings sharing the experiences that their schools have to offer.
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2016-09-08	I'm a parent
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2016-09-08	Both my children have attended the same out of catchment school and I cannot imagine how we would have coped with Two children at different schools.
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2016-09-08	This is absolutely senseless and totally ridiculous how can parents be in 2 places at the same. Council bureaucracy gone mad.
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2016-09-08	My sister is in the same situation. 6 year old in one school and they expect her to get her 4 year old to another school. Both schools start at the same time. Impossible. Good luck to all of u with ur fight!
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2016-09-08	I am going through a similar situation. My son has been out of school for nearly nearly a year because there are no school places in any sutton in ashfield school he was first on the list for priestic primary where his sister and brother attend but as soon as a place came available he was 2nd on the list. I now have to find a school for my son either in or out of sutton with a disabled son at one school with his sister and Lewis being in a different school
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2016-09-08	It's unfair how parents are expected to get their children to different schools , siblings should be together at same school
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2016-09-08	I'm signing because I believe that younger siblings should be permitted to attend the same primary school as their older siblings. Not to do so makes it much more difficult for the whole family as well as for the children ie getting to and from school in good time; attending parents evenings and school social events; handing down school uniforms to the younger child; providing safety and feelings of security for the children and the parents
2016-09-08	Ridiculous!
2016-09-08	my grandsons brother has not been in school for a year and it is affecting mentally as he thinks he's done wrong
2016-09-08	It's the right thing to do
2016-09-09	This is a silly rule how do they think people can be in two schools at the same time. This is also a danger to children some may have to leave one child for the sake of the other to get to school. And if they don't drive it could take time out of a child's education as they would be late each day it's a crazy rule. Get rid of it
2016-09-09	I have two girls it would be a nightmare getting them to different schools on time and all before going to work. Also my girls are very close and would be upset with being seperated.
2016-09-09	I have 2 children in one school and I am worried i wont get my third in next september. Its impossible to be in 2 places at the same time!
2016-09-09	I think it's absolutely ludicrous that parents are expected to take sibling to two /three different schools. The world us going mad and I dread to think about the future for future kids /parents, especially if this is deemed appropriate. One-way or another one child will penalised - please someone explain how this is going to keep the economy strong?!?! # ridiculous
2016-09-09	this happened to my children and in the end I've had to move my older child to the same school my younger son was allocated. this was a nightmare. notis cc were not interested and I was told that my appeal would be unsuccessful as we were just outside the catchment area and unless my son had learning or behaviour issues then the appeal would be unsuccessful. Im signing this petition so my situation does not happen to another family.....it's wrong.
2016-09-09	This has effected us with our second daughter. Thankfully we successfully appealed. However we still face uncertainty with applying for a our third daughter in 2 years time.
2016-09-09	As a parent I totallly understand how this would be a nightmare for families of these children. Although I support acceptable class sizes some support needs to be given to these parents.
2016-09-09	This makes life extremely difficult for many families Not only that its also not fair on siblings being in different schools, this should be part of their upbringing growing up together and sharing experiences.
2016-09-09	Because I know the family and feel they are being unfairly treated. To expect some one to have two children in different schools at the same time is not only unfair, it is downright impossible.

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2016-09-09	I think this is disgusting. I have children myself (older), and if this would have happened to me I would not have been able to get my children to school on time. I addition think about what you are doing to the environment getting these children's parents to drive from school to school. This is a very poorly thought out policy, and is devastating for families.
2016-09-09	My nephew's children are affected
2016-09-09	It's a stupid situation created by incompetent people.
2016-09-09	It has affected so many close to me
2016-09-09	It's unfair to split siblings.
2016-09-09	I have friends who will be affected badly by this. I think it's a shame for the younger children who will be without the advantage of an older brother or sister at the school, and a terrible problem logistically for parents.
2016-09-09	Parenting is stressful enough and more help is needed for Working parents
2016-09-09	This rule change is unfair!
2016-09-09	Due to watching my brother having to uproot from his family home with his family in tow to move half a mile away costing them a small fortune!
2016-09-09	This will affect me taking grandchildren. To school if the County Council don't revert back to giving preferential treatment if a sibling is already attending that school
2016-09-09	This could effect our family in the future if this isn't changed. Children from the same family should go to the same school. It's hard enough sometimes for working parents to coordinate the school run whiteout having to be in 2 different places at the same time.
2016-09-09	Because it's disgusting what they've done, how on earth are parents suppose to be in two places at once!
2016-09-09	My little girl can no longer go to the same school as her big sister and is no longer at a school
2016-09-09	I want my son to go to the same school as my daughter
2016-09-09	Being a nursery manager I have seen the negative impact of this and how it effects families.
2016-09-09	It's not good
2016-09-09	I too bad the problem im moving schools. How can you be at two different place a at once and the upset for the youngest chlld not being with her brother, is horrible.
2016-09-09	So that my grandchildren can attend the same school with their siblings
2016-09-10	It's stupid how can you drop off and pick up at 2 different locations ?
2016-09-10	Keeping families together is vital.

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2016-09-10	I have 2 sons in the same school at the moment and my youngest son is due to start next year.
2016-09-10	How are parents supposed to get 2,3,4 children to a different school at different times? Are they for real of course sibling priority is a certain must in my eyes
2016-09-10	I believe having a sibling at school should mean automatic guarantee of a place for any other siblings from the family
2016-09-10	The thought of having 2 children in different schools is unbearable. We had problems getting our eldest in to a school we wanted and now were happy, the possibility our youngest won't get in isn't worth thinking about.
2016-09-10	The current system is unfair and causes unnecessary distress to children and families
2016-09-10	I want my son to be able to go to the same school as his older sister. Or either me or my wife will have to end our career to drop off and collect. And so she can look after him.
2016-09-10	I took my grandson to school screaming he did not want to go to school his sister had been to his school for 3 months in foundation class with friends then told she could not go back there when all the class moved up we were told she had to go to other school wish one of u could have been there to see it
2016-09-10	I may be affected by this as have one child in an out of catchment school and another due to start next September. I couldn't cope with 2 children in different schools. I've only just got my anxiety condition in some level of order
2016-09-10	It's plain common sense
2016-09-10	The thought of having 2 children in different schools is unbearable. We had problems getting our eldest in to a school we wanted and now we're happy, the possibility our youngest won't get in isn't worth thinking about.
2016-09-10	Notts CC are pathetic why change something that has worked for years and years it's obviously to make space for all the foreign people taking over Great Britain ! Try putting British people and families before the invaders after all this is our country not theirs !!!
2016-09-10	My children are both in catchment so would hope they both go to the same school but for those who have to take children to different schools for the same time and pick up from different schools - for the same time - and who work (even those who don't) - I can only imagine it must be a bloody nightmare!!
2016-09-10	The rules are cruel and impact on the children
2016-09-10	I have 2 grandchildren that go to the same school and in 2 years time my 3rd grandchild will be starting school and my daughter will have 18 month old twins which will put stress on her making sure the children are at school on time. Thankyou
2016-09-10	My daughter starts full time school next year and I want her in the same school as her big brother. If this doesn't change I could have to uproot my son from his current school which would cause him a lot of distress due to certain reasons.
2016-09-10	Our 4 year old daughter has not been offered a place at the same school as her 7 year old sister, this is causing our family significant difficulties and distress
2016-09-10	It's unfair that you can split siblings up to different schools.

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2016-09-10	This is an absolutely stupid ruling.
2016-09-10	I will be in the same situation in a year's
2016-09-10	I have a grandchild whom is coming to the age of FOUR and would like to think that she can be allocated a place at the school where her elder sister is
2016-09-10	This is unfair if you already have an older child at a out of catchment school the sibling should have the opportunity to attend the same school why bother asking parents to choose which school they would like may as well say you can only attend your catchment school and that's that!
2016-09-10	I'm signing this because I have a daughter in full time that in a school outside my catchment but I also have a 6 month old baby which I will want to go to the same school
2016-09-10	It's unjust and unfair to children who are unable to start school as parents can not make two schools in time
2016-09-10	My daughter had her best school years in Notts at a school in her catchment area. And from her feeder school
2016-09-11	I think it's important for them to have their siblings on hand when they start and it's very difficult for parents to get children to different schools
2016-09-11	Next year I'm going to have the same problem and the schools are 20mins drive or a 40minute bus journey apart. Siblings should be given the first choice of school before catchment area children.. The schools should be loyal to those who already attending the school.
2016-09-11	We have grandchildren who may well be affected
2016-09-11	I'm a single dad and simply wouldn't be able to get my child to 2 different schools at the same time. It would be wrong to pull my oldest from there current dchool as they have been through enough in there little life's already, and it would be wrong that my youngest isn't given the same opputunity as my oldest.
2016-09-11	I don't know what you expect parents to on school runs! Cant be in 2 places at the same time absolutely ridiculous whoever thought of this idea wants sacking!!!! Schools meant to be about education! So now 4 year old are being kept out of school! If it's not broke dont fix it
2016-09-11	I am related to the [REDACTED] family. I would like my 3 granddaughters all to go to the same school.
2016-09-11	My granddaughters are affected by this decision
2016-09-11	Although I support NCC having to address the issue of large class sizes and catchment area provision of educational places, the fact that two very young siblings may now be alloacted places at different schools with the same start and finish times without ANY considertaion for how on earth parents can manage this situation without one child always being late, with no sensible flexiblilty in the allocation system strikes me as discriminatory. This actively discriminates against working parents, single parents, parents with any disability / health needs and is frankly ludicrous. There should be an adequate discussion regading the sense in insisting on a policy that is unworkable for some families

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	2016-09-11	My eldest has not got into a school in catchment (or the next four nearest) and instead has been placed in a school 20 mins drive from home. My wife and I work and we have already had to move his little sister to a different nursery to make the drop-offs. As if this wasn't bad enough, we now have the worry that his little sister may not get into that same school!
d	2016-09-11	To separate siblings from attending the same school is a hardship on both children and parents.
	2016-09-11	This is so unfair on young families and need help to change.
United	2016-09-11	All siblings should be able to attend the same school. Can't imagine what these families are going through.
	2016-09-11	It effects my granddaughters
lom	2016-09-11	the consultation process on this issue was a complete joke.
	2016-09-11	Even though my children have passed primary age, I work with children from 3-11 years and have seen the devastating affect this ruling has had on parents and children starting foundation 2 and their siblings. Parents are having to apply to move the older sibling in order to have children at the same school, with places not being available for both at one school they are struggling to be in 2 places at the same time xx
	2016-09-12	There is always the logistical reasons for keeping children at the same school but more importantly is that the emotional support needed from an older sibling. I think it should be a requirement when, as long as you live within the catchment area of the school, if one of your children is at the school already, there should be a right for your next child to go to that school.
	2016-09-12	I am a worried parent that my children will not be able to attend the same primary school as each other. How do you expect us parents to be able to get our children to school on time etc if they are at different schools. Siblings should be kept together not split up! It will do more harm to the children not allowing them to be together!
ited	2016-09-12	Poor decision NCC please reconsider.
	2016-09-12	I know of many parents where this has happened to their children and are powerless even though they have appealed with valuable reasons why
	2016-09-12	Its completely against family life. Any help in this she of austerity MUST be welcome, and this is just one more obstical.
ited	2016-09-12	This has affected so many families I know and could affect us when our youngest is old enough for school
	2016-09-12	This must be the silliest rule to come out of NCC for a very long time. It makes no allowances for working parents.
d	2016-09-13	My great niece and nephew should go to the same school.
	2016-09-13	It's ridiculous to split families
	2016-09-13	The unfairness of siblings at different schools
	2016-09-13	It's disgusting that siblings have to attend different schools. It makes the lives of busy working parents a logistical nightmare.

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2016-09-13	It's unfair to expect parents to be at 2 different schools at exactly the same time of day.
2016-09-13	Iv seen the effect this has had on close friends and its devastating for them and there children
2016-09-13	Its only right that siblings should attend the same school, its better for the school and certainly better for the parents, logistically the difficulties are unfair to get two children to different schools at the same time and I think the local authority is failing the very people they are supposed to be supporting.
2016-09-13	To address the absolutely disgraceful policy of not allowing the 4th child to attend the same school that her 3 siblings attend and leaving the parents with an impossible dilemma. Appalling and needs to be rectified asap.
2016-09-14	Never heard anything so ridiculous! school runs are stressful enough trying to get a household ready for school/work to a strict time schedule 5 days per week, without trying to be (impossibly) in two places at once & get to a full time job in time. School is all about having fun & making memories, it's an absolute joke to know you won't be able to have your children make those memories together!! What were you thinking??!!
2016-09-14	Being a working mum is hard enough without the added (and totally unnecessary) pressure of travelling up to an hour between 2 schools. Yet another policy dreamt up by childless policy makers too blind to see the value of family life.
2016-09-14	Children should be able to go to school with there siblings
2016-09-14	Disgusted at this decision all siblings should be together
2016-09-14	it is a logistical nightmare having 2 children in different schools
2016-09-14	I strongly believe that siblings should be kept at the same school. It causes issue's for parents when children are placed in different schools, it is not possible for parents to get all children to school for the correct time if they are at different schools.
2016-09-14	I understand the stress this causes parents.
2016-09-14	It is ridiculous that parents are having to get two children to school at the same day each day. How is this logistically practical.
2016-09-14	This new ruling has affected my friend in a big way and i think it's wrong!!!
2016-09-14	This is just ridiculous
2016-09-14	Just to update you the situation remains a nightmare but both schools are very supportive of the families situation. Just waiting for NCC to get their act together
2016-09-14	I believe siblings should be allowed to attend the same school. When this leads to a child being tutored at home, when this is not the parents choice, something has gone wrong!
2016-09-14	Its unfair to families - parents and children
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2016-09-15	It is totally unfair that siblings are unable to be educated in the same school if the said school is in their catchment area!
d 2016-09-15	I do not understand how the council can expect parents to be at two places at the same time. We all know how important it is to our children to be picked up from school by their family and placing children of similar ages at 2 different schools makes this impossible.
1 2016-09-15	I have grandchildren and understand the importance of keeping siblings together and at a school most convenient to the family.
2016-09-15	Although I do not live in Nottingham I have family who do and do not want the children to be affected in this way
2016-09-15	We are always being told that 100% attendance is vital but now we are being told that it is ok for a child to be late everyday or have to leave early everyday in order to get their sibling to a different school. This does not make sense.
2016-09-15	I support this cause
2016-09-15	Support to a friend and her grandchildren
2016-09-15	I feel that all children should that have siblings should be given a registered placement in the same school, to place them in a different environment would have a negative impact on the whole family with school holidays, (as these now tend to differ) child care and collection.
2016-09-15	This is a completely unfair system..In principle I agree with the out of catchment arrangements, however this is happening more and more in catchment. If this government wants families in work then they need to consider the logistics for working parents and employers who are not so supportive. The whole system is bonkers.
2016-09-15	This is a ridiculous situation. And appallingly as was done without consultation.
2016-09-15	My children are at different schools which is making life very difficult and stressful
2016-09-15	Disgusted with this rule even though I'm not directly impacted at the current time, I know people who are and I may be in future unless this is changed. This ruling makes it near on impossible for parents of siblings in different catchment areas to get their children to school on time, either parents will end up taking one child to school late, or make one child change school, both very unsettling for the children involved. And may even have an impact on the parents employment arrangements if that have to spend more time in the morning or evening making drop offs and pick ups!!
2016-09-16	I want the policy in Nottinghamshire to change back to prioritise siblings attending same primary school.
2016-09-16	Because all the changes across the board. People with disabilities cannot get funding for travel at all now they say they have to pay it out of her mobility her .Her travel comes to £90 a month and she gets £20
2016-09-16	I have grandchildren who attend Nottinghamshire schools and there is the potential for a similar situation.
2016-09-16	Although I no longer live in Nottinghamshire, this is clearly disgraceful. NCC need to sort this out immediately both for the sake of the children and the parents.

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2016-09-17	I am signing this because I believe it causes unnecessary upset and stress to families having to take siblings to different schools.
2016-09-17	He is my great grandson and is not being treated fairly.
2016-09-17	I think that children should be going to school with their siblings as a priority as it makes no sense to send them to different schools making it 100x harder for the parents and not fair on the children. It causes further stress at home that in this day and age is just not acceptable.
2016-09-17	I have a child applying for a school space this year and the thought of her being in a different school to her brother is too much. Next thing I know I'll be in trouble for a child being late to school all the time after doing two school runs. No thank you. She is in the school nursery and so proud to be with her brother.
2016-09-17	The logistics of having 2 primary school children at different schools will create great difficulties for parents, leaving them with a choice of paying for care for one child while they drop off/pick up the other or being late at one of the schools. This will have a detrimental impact on the children, their families, and the schools.
2016-09-17	I am a social worker and I know the implications for families trying to get more than one child into different schools at the same time, and the implications for children that have to be late because of this. Not to mention the stress for parents. It makes no sense to me to change this.
2016-09-18	Common sense and FairPlay must prevail
2016-09-18	I know friends and family who need to keep siblings together
2016-09-18	I have a son and me and my sister benefited for this
2016-09-18	I believe children have many insecurities and siblings can offer moral support in most cases. Parents NEED to know where their children are and when they will be safe: Nottinghamshire has like most counties a large number of paedophiles
2016-09-18	I don't think siblings should be in different schools. Imagine going to your first day of school not knowing anyone. Whereas if you had your sibling you wouldn't be as afraid!
2016-09-18	It is ludicrous to split families and parents in this way. Parents/ Carers will need to choose which child to escort to school and this will mean the other child is unsupervised.
2016-09-18	I believe that if an elder sibling is at the school it will help the younger one to settle in better.
2016-09-18	It's wrong
2016-09-18	To make NCC realise this is a huge mistake, it's either forcing families to make some awkward decisions or face huge fuel bills!
2016-09-18	I am signing because this is an extremely divisive ruling that hurts children and families.
2016-09-18	I don't like the fact that siblings are split up. It puts extra pressure on Parents and families.
2016-09-18	I feel that in the 'early years', a child should benefit from the support and guidance provided by their sibling. It's about time councillors 'properly' on such and not massage 'surveys' to suit their own ideals

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2016-09-18	it makes sense to keep siblings together in order to preserve family life and to promote both good mental health and social development
n 2016-09-18	Must be almost impossible for parents to do. A place should be automatically reserved for any younger children in the family.
m 2016-09-18	Whatever happens to fairness over power crazed officialdom.
2016-09-18	This is causing a lot of stress for people, come on please sort it out!!
2016-09-18	Keeping families together at school should be high on the list of admissions criteria and changes should be made with full consultation
2016-09-18	Isolation of siblings and the logistical problems that this will cause.
2016-09-18	This method doesn't effectively resolve over subscriptions but pushes the burden onto families and away from the state
2016-09-18	This is unfair, and also children who are in feeder schools but not catchment should be allowed a place alongside their class mates if they wish. Some of these children have been together since pre school, it's unfair to have to be split from friends after being together for years. If they have the children in the junior school a space should be made in the secondary school
2016-09-18	I believe this is wrong because it is important that siblings stay together.
2016-09-18	I disagree that you should have to have siblings at separate schools, especially as Nottinghamshire has 2 different school holiday days and then different inset days. It not only causes a problem with childcare but also the consistency in which children get educated within the same family.
2016-09-18	The problems this causes for parents who will have to drop children off and pick their children at two different schools and get themselves to work are huge. More thought required on tackling the problem of over-subscription
2016-09-18	I am signing because it can cause upsets to young children going to school on their own for the first time.
2016-09-18	My niece and nephew have to go to different schools.
2016-09-18	Siblings should always be allowed to attend the same school if wished
2016-09-18	Brothers and sisters should be at the same school not possible to be in two places at the same time ridiculous
2016-09-18	I am signing because this affects my daughter in Notts, whose 3 year old daughter could end up at a different school to her 6 year old brother. My daughter would need to deliver 2 children to two different schools at the same time. An unnecessary and UN-family friendly change, made with almost no consultation - why was this so?
2016-09-18	I believe that school places should be available to families without having a battle to get your child into their local school and especially not to divide a siblings between different schools.
2016-09-18	How can the parents of separated siblings take and collect 2 or more children of them to and from school on time? What a pressure for them. How are they supposed to manage this, let alone have time to talk to the teachers and become involved?
2016-09-18	Siblings should be able to attend the same school end of!!

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2016-09-18	Because it's absolutely ridiculous...have seen first hand how this has affected my friend. It's not logical and how you think this is fair is totally beyond me
2016-09-18	It's wrong to separate siblings!! Parents can't be in 3-4 places at one time!! Live in the real world please x
2016-09-19	If a sibling is already in a school it is ludicrous to send the others to a different one. Absolute madness
2016-09-19	<p>This country is increasingly managed badly. The infrastructure has reduced by 20% over the last few years when a huge population growth principally from immigration should have seen our infrastructure expand by at least 25% in advance of the rise in immigration.</p> <p>Most adults are already victims of this mismanagement by the authorities and making innocent kids victims to it in addition is not only a step too far it is the second worst sin in my book of all-time worst sins.</p>
2016-09-19	I believe siblings should share the same school.
2016-09-19	I believe this is an unfair ruling and siblings should be able to attend the same school
2016-09-19	Family should not be split apart, family cares and protects and are there for you when others aren't. Without my older sister in my school I probably would have been bullied.
2016-09-19	<p>As the father of two young children, the logistics of taking and collecting young children to different schools at the same time is unfathomable.</p> <p>Oversubscription is caused by insufficient planning and not enough good schools. This shouldn't be taken out on scared 4 year olds and their struggling parents</p>
2016-09-19	it's not good
2016-09-19	My family had the opportunity to attend the same school which was hugely beneficial at that time.
2016-09-19	I am aware of people who have been adversely affected by this policy which has resulted in huge logistic difficulties taking children to school. In many cases parents are having to resort to using more than one bus, rather than walking to school as they used to; many do not have the luxury of cars and, in any event this would be a retrograde step when children are being encouraged to walk to school and parents encouraged not to clog up roads around the school with more traffic. Let's see common sense prevail!
2016-09-19	I feel it is a safety issue (which child do I leave to be abducted while picking the other/s up
2016-09-19	Having siblings going to different schools puts extra pressures on family's unnecessarily
2016-09-19	It is very important to keep siblings at the same school for support & family logistics.
2016-09-19	I'm signing because this will effect my daughter when she becomes of age to start school.
2016-09-19	Splitting families is wrong siblings should be together
2016-09-20	I think this sets a dangerous precedent for CC's across England to change oversubscription criteria for school places.

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- 2016-09-20 It's an important part of growing up to have your siblings attend the same school. It makes the younger children often work harder and the older sibling proud to show their younger sibling the ropes.
- 2016-09-20 The link between school and family should not be cast aside to suit the self interests of local politicians over the interests of our local families. We wish for stability in our school system and the important link to our children's happiness and education in our city schools. I believe if children are left isolated from their friends and family this will have a negative and detrimental effect on our children's education and happiness and our society as a whole. Please do not let this great city of Nottingham and its families down by giving in to self interest and political wrong doings. [REDACTED]
- 2016-09-20 This is common sense as well as about how our schools best serve our families and communities
- 2016-09-20 My kids is in different schools
- 2016-09-20 I think siblings need the support of each other at school it makes them feel safer
- 2016-09-20 I feel very strongly that siblings should be kept together. Parents without transport find it almost to get their children to school on time (and even with transport) especially when it could be a single parent family or even other children in the family
- 2016-09-20 It's morally and logistically wrong to split up siblings!
- 2016-09-20 The council needs to see sense. It was a wrong decision.
- 2016-09-20 This is not fair!
- 2016-09-20 It's stressing out my friends with kids...
- 2016-09-20 Siblings should be at the same school.
- 2016-09-20 This ruling is stupid
- 2016-09-20 It has caused a great deal of distress and upheaval for many families affected by this issue.
- 2016-09-20 In my view siblings should be able to attend the same school (as an erstwhile educationalist)
- 2016-09-20 I have 2 children in different schools I'm a single working mum and it's very difficult either I'm having to pay more money out for breakfast club or one of them are turning up late. This is ridiculous
- 2016-09-20 Splitting up families causes more hassle with parents work, support and evening classes
- 2016-09-20 I want my children to be able to go to the same school in the future
- 2016-09-20 Working family life is hard enough without adding more pressures to it with this pathetic ruling!
- 2016-09-20 Believe younger children should be given the opportunity to share school with their older siblings. Not just from a confidence and friendly face point of view but also logistically for parents

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2016-09-20	My friends grand children have to attend different primary schools, this should not be the case, how does this promote family life!
2016-09-21	It's all wrong to be leaving a child outside school waiting as a parent cannot be in 2 places at once one child will always be late aswell it's so not fair
2016-09-21	Mum's can't be in two places at once, children need to be safe too
2016-09-21	How are mums/dads expected to get 2 or more children to potentially 2 or more different schools at the same time!ridiculous!!
2016-09-21	I don't agree and want to support a friend
2016-09-21	It's wrong!
2016-09-21	My grandchildren are affected
2016-09-21	I am signing because we are in the same situation, with our youngest, even though 13 other places we offered the school where our eldest is attending and also we informed the NCC that we were moving to the catchment area and yet they did not consider to offer our youngest a place in school. Now we are left with no school as we declined the place where she was offered as we are no longer living in that catchment area.
2016-09-21	I think it's a shame that my cousin's children are unable to attend the same school.
2016-09-22	We have 2 children at different schools, only due to age, so can fully appreciate the difficulties of having younger children at different schools #painful
2016-09-22	I disagree with the County Councils administration policies.
2016-09-22	As a grand parent who was lucky to have two daughters at same village school and having one of those same daughters struggle with her job as a teacher and childcare for her own two sons
2016-09-22	This will undoubtedly effect us next year, I will have to take my eldest child out of a school she is doing amazingly well at as it's unlikely my youngest will get a place. If only we'd known this was going to be brought in. Unfair.
2016-09-22	I believe siblings should be at the same school. I will be facing this situation in September with one child in the out of catchment school I teach at.
2016-09-22	this needs rectifying. ..
2016-09-22	It has affected my brother's 3 kids twice, and I've seen first hand the distress it causes the whole family.
2016-09-22	My oldest child has just started school and was offered a non catchment school to begin with. He did not get in our catchment school. My second son will now be at a disadvantage when it is his time to go to school
2016-09-22	I'm just out of catchment for our chosen school and will be applying for September 2017. We already have a child at the school who loves it and a school we are extremely happy with too.

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2016-09-22 When I accepted my 3rd choice place at an outside catchment school it was in mind of my younger son getting a place at the same school. I would have otherwise appealed for a catchment place at our 1st or 2nd choice of schools. The school run is going to prove very difficult for us and we can't afford a house in the catchment.

2016-09-23 I went to the same school as my siblings, and so did my children, this was not a privilege but our right

2016-09-23 it's not right - this change

2016-09-24 my youngest Granddaughter is one of the children affected by these changes, she has attended the schools feeder nursery as did her older sister only now to be told there is no place because the rules have changed. Her older sister is now in junior school from the feeder school the youngest cannot attend. She has seen all her friends start big school, my daughter is looking now to home school or move out of the area so that both girls can attend the same school, the school where she was offered a place for the youngest has been a failing school for a number of years. My daughter will also have to give up her job if a place at their chosen school is not forthcoming by November when the youngest will be 5, but she is still going to have to play catch up. The situation is having an impact on her mental well being as she thinks it's all her fault

2016-09-24 I have been in this situation myself where I had two daughters sent to two different schools, my oldest daughters school was a walk away from where I lived, where my younger daughter's school was a drive away. Every morning was so stressful because we had to get them to two different schools and had to be there at the same time (which was impossible) My daughter is at an age where I cannot leave her standing at the door to wait to go in to her classroom, so this would caused my other daughter to be late every day which the school moaned at us for plus this cost a lot of money in petrol too! But lucky for me they have now placed her into her sisters school after being on a waiting list for a year. Now they walk to school and are on time everyday and I can't express how much stress this as taken away from me. Its disgusting how they expect parents to take their children to different schools or travel to a silly distances but then they can moan if your child is late!! and even hand out fines and they need to know how much stress this causes on us parents

2016-09-24 I had this with my kids going to different schools and it caused 1 child to be constantly late which disrupted her education because the schools were an hours walk from each other.

2016-09-24 I have kids who are all in same school now but there was a time they wasn't and it was hard work I spent my whole day between 2 different schools 30 mins apart

2016-09-24 I realise that this is a very difficult situation which arises Nationally, affecting many families, but wherever possible, surely, it makes sense to keep siblings in the same school wherever and whenever possible.

2016-09-24 This is disgusting. Too often I hear of, or experience, examples of people in positions of power acting unjustly. What happened to democracy? Who can be held to account for this decision?

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2016-09-24	This is causing so much stress for the siblings and parents too . Every young child needs the support of older siblings they have in order to grow in there development ... to give them confidence in starting school, and to grow socially with there siblings at the same school . It is by law to put a child into school education . So therefore by law this should be provided forALL SIBLINGS IN THE SAME SCHOOLTHE PARENTS CHOICE
2016-09-25	I am a parent and having two children and two different schools is absolute absorb. There's going to be many absences if this plan goes ahead. It's making it difficult for parents to keep each child in school.
2016-09-25	We have been affected by this ourselves this year, it is not just a logistical nightmare with start and finish times but the schools have different values and methods which is also very difficult to deal with.
2016-09-25	This is just stupid it affects so many families in so many ways work money stress and think about the children going to school is hard enough and being apart from their siblings just adds to stress and anxiety very unfair this need changing
2016-09-25	I believe it's important to keep children, siblings going to the same school and to offer them the option of attending the best best possible school in their locale. As a youngster from a family of four siblings I was the only sibling that attended a different school in a small village. It was very stressful for me as my schooling involved different teachers, pupils and therefore friends but most importantly a very different ethos. Left me feeling like a stranger to my own siblings and made my schooling a lonely experience
2016-09-25	As a mother of 3 children and only the oldest at school I want my younger two to be able to go to the same school as I would not be able to drop them off in different places.
2016-09-25	MY children aren't at the same school and it's a nightmare!!!!
2016-09-25	I'm signing because I think siblings should be #1 on the priority list.
2016-09-25	siblings should be given priority
2016-09-26	It's ridiculous to expect parents with more than one child at school age to be able to be at 2+ places at once! It's not physically possible and also siblings should be together!
2016-09-26	Going into care is bad enough but being split from your only relative is killer. Have some compassion.....
2016-09-26	It would be a logistical nightmare for some families and travelling across the country in a morning with all the school traffic is bad enough but to add more congestion and parents rushing with children would be dangerous
2016-09-26	Its unfair and have left alot of families in a mess
2016-09-26	I have 2 toddlers who will start school fairly soon, and it would be difficult if they were at different sites!
2016-09-27	life stressfull enough, without having to take kids to different schools, organising different care etc
2016-09-27	An almost imaginary "consultation" seems to have overruled common sense completely. Hundreds of people are now left to pick up the pieces because of the idiotic meddling in county hall. What has it achieved apart from stress and heartbreak to many? Nothing.

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ed	2016-09-28	As I have lots of friends in this situation, and when I have children in the future I'd like siblings to attend the same school.
	2016-09-28	I'm a primary teacher and I see it happening to families being split up and the knock on effect to the children and parents.
id	2016-09-28	This has happened to friends of mine and terrible to see the upset it can cause!
	2016-09-28	The bond between siblings can be very strong. It is the longest relationship they will ever have and mostly would never be in the child's best interest to be separated adding more unnecessary pain.
im	2016-09-28	As a mother, grandmother, and local councillor engaging with schools through the Health and Wellbeing scheme, that children often find it hard enough at school, particularly if it is a new school, or just starting in school, but having a sibling at another school adds to their distress. Also it is often difficult for working parents to have to travel between different schools.
	2016-09-28	I've witnessed close friends having to take out two older siblings to another school as youngest didn't get a place along with knowledge of similar circumstances with other families at school. It makes me nervous as I will be applying for my youngest to begin full time school next year and even though we live in catchment I'm unsure of new protocol.,,
n	2016-09-28	It's common sense !!!
	2016-09-29	I do not believe that parents should have to be taking their children to separate schools, when they are in the same stage e.g. Primary. I have seen this first hand. It is not fair on the children or parents. What does it teach our children about punctuality? It is impossible. The children also miss out on after school activities! Common sense needs to be returned!
	2016-09-29	As one of 5 siblings, I feel that they all have the opportunity to attend the same nursery, infant and junior schools.
i	2016-09-29	I am a parent who in the future may be affected.
	2016-09-30	It is an unfair policy to split siblings
	2016-09-30	It's affecting people I know. Change has to happen.
	2016-10-01	In a society where we struggle to keep women employed in careers after having children it is ludicrous to add yet another hurdle for the families to get over. Then you consider the impact on the children, what sense is there in the ridiculous rule?
	2016-10-01	I believe it is unfair to make parents manage 2 different drop off and pick up school. It's unsettling for younger siblings too
	2016-10-01	I could have been in this situation as I moved house before my third child started primary school. Luckily siblings had priority then.
	2016-10-01	I was brought up on Nottinghamshire and attended school there. As a parent now myself I feel this is unfair. How can parents manage to juggle children at different schools. When a child is accepted to a school it should be taken into account that the child could have siblings and siblings should be given the same priority as those living closest if not given priority over those who are closer.
	2016-10-02	this will affect my children and their education. It will suffer because they will be late for school every day as a result of this ruling!

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2016-10-03	I have children in school and a little girl who will want to go to the same school and make easier for all to be at the same school for myself
2016-10-03	NCC have made a poor decision that needs to be reversed. Keeping siblings together is more important than stopping someone else from travelling a bit further.
2016-10-03	The council put my child in a non catchment school and we run the risk of her younger sister not getting in the same school
2016-10-03	This will effect my youngest son.....my eldest goes to out of catchment school (we've moved since he started)
2016-10-03	How can it possibly be fair to impose something like multiple school runs on parents??
2016-10-03	This will affect me in the future and I will then have 3 children all at different schools due to the new changes ! Its not even possible to be in 2 places at once let alone 3 !!
2016-10-04	5 of my grandchildren have been to or are still at the same school My youngest who is now only 3 is not allowed to go to that school as he is out of the catchment area
2016-10-04	I have 2 children at the same school and a 3rd child I would like to be with them in same school
2016-10-04	I feel strongly about making the first step to 'Big School' as secure and least stressful as possible - a child who is comfortable and happy is going to be more easily and better educated.
2016-10-05	My eldest two children both go to the same school but no it looks like my youngest will not be able to which I find a disgrace
2016-10-05	Madness, family units should be placed together and NCC need a reality check.
2016-10-05	I'm signing because my nephew goes to an out of catchment school and his sister would also like to attend that same school. She is only three but needs her brother as moral support on attending a primary school where he is.
2016-10-06	I'm a working parent who knows how hard it is to get too one school on time!
2016-10-08	I am impacted
2016-10-08	This will impact my family, especially my youngest this year.
2016-10-10	I have seen first hand the impact of split siblings. The emotional impact on both siblings, particularly the younger one and the practical and emotive implications for the parents. It does not seem fair.
2016-10-10	My friend has 2 children who need to attend the same school
2016-10-11	Proposal is divisive for families. Ought to be a running-in period of 5 years for implementation.

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2015-10-18 The policy is poorly thought out and is deeply flawed. Is there not enough abuse in modern life, before we add extra hops to the school run? I've heard of parents dropping children off at Breakfast Club (more expensive), so they can ensure the other child makes it to school on time. When do our children get to be kids?

Then there's the extra impact on the roads, fuel spent and the effect on the environment.

This policy needs a serious rethink and a long look at the implications to local schools, the community and families.

2015-10-17 Mums in this already have enough challenges without having separate school runs on top. Plus what child wouldn't want the reassurance to be near their siblings at school where possible.

2015-10-17 I do not consider this policy is reasonable for families. The LA needs to support a family approach and split up siblings from an education perspective where the family choice is for them to attend the same school as other siblings. The emotional impact and stress this will create on families can not be underestimated. Also parents and carers have no provision of choice to enable children get their education preference.

2015-10-16 This is just adding pressure on parents.

2015-10-24 Out of catchment children who have siblings already at a school should be given priority over out of catchment children with no siblings at the school.....It makes sense! The consequences are that children who are already in schools happy and established are having to move to new schools in order to be at the same schools as their younger siblings...a heartbreaking decision for all especially the removed child.

2015-10-24 It's heart-breaking to see families with children separated in different schools or having to make the decision to withdraw a happy older child because of this change. We need our families to be able to stay together.

2015-10-24 I believe that separating siblings is the wrong thing to do from all perspectives, and this should always be the primary priority when deciding school places!

2015-10-24 We not fair on parents/guardians and make school runs unrealistic.

2015-10-24 I think this is very unfair to families and putting additional stress on having to dash around dropping your children off at different schools! More accidents on the road possibly as well.

2015-10-24 Children can better with support of brothers and sisters at the same school

2015-10-24 I have a 6 year old attending a primary school and think her 2 year old sister should join her when her time comes. How as full time working parents do we accommodate to school drop off and pick ups.

2015-10-24 This decision will be so unfair for so many families. I don't know what I would have done if my children couldn't attend the same school. I would have had to give up work to get them to their different schools on time

2015-10-24 All brothers and sister should go to the same school

2015-10-24 My son attends ~~Wotton Bassett~~ and with another child on the way it would be beneficial for both to attend the same school.

2015-10-28 My son's long friend had to change schools this year because his younger brother wasn't given a place at the same school.

2015-10-29 My grandson may not be able to join his brother at Cuddington Primary School although they live in walking distance of the school

2015-11-03 I would like my youngest to join his brother at the same school, also as it is in walking distance from our home. Logistically it would be impossible to drop each children at different schools!

2015-11-07 Failing to guarantee siblings a place at the same school is unreasonable and unfair.

2015-11-08 I believe that siblings from outside catchment should be a higher priority

2015-11-10 Who ever came up with this stupid rule at MCC has never done a school run, ~~plus they added nothing~~

2015-11-11 It is a logistical nightmare to get children to multiple schools that start at similar times especially if you do not have family nearby to help out. Even if you are able to arrive before school and after school clubs to ease the issue this adds additional expense. Also, allowing time for multiple pick-ups and drop-offs on top of a horrible commuting time kills the hours that I am available for work to less than a normal 7.5 hr day. This is not to mention the added risk of having to deal with multiple schools with different policies and extra leave and childcare required due to potentially different holidays, in particular inset days which are set by individual schools. On top of this, there is the impact on the children themselves who want to be able to share their school experiences with each other.

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- 2016-10-24 My son is already at coddington school and I have 2 more children that I hope will gain a place
- 2016-10-24 I think it utterly ridiculous that children won't get priority admission if they have a sibling at a school. It makes no sense. It is unfair on the child, who will lack that contact with their sibling, and to the parents, who may be unable to take children to two different schools each morning due to work commitments. Please return to the old admission criteria.
- 2016-10-24 How are parents supposed to pick up/drop off kids at the same time. This decision must of been made by people without children. Silly idea by Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 2016-10-24 I would like both my children to attend the same school.
- 2016-10-24 The "decision makers" clearly don't have children. It's a ridiculous idea! The main priority should be the children. Starting school is a very nerve wracking experience for many... why make it even worse for younger siblings who should have their older brother or sister as a familiar face? Also, why change the system to what will lead to stupid amounts of late arrival for the sibling having to be taken to a different school? 1 parent... 2 school drop offs... same time? Impossible!
- 2016-10-24 These changes will affect me with my youngest starting school in 16/17
- 2016-10-24 It makes sense
- 2016-10-24 In signing this petition because my daughter attends coddington primary school which I feel is by far the best in our area especially with being close to the village... and I have high hopes of my son attending the same school when he reaches that age... my worry is ... if he isn't offered a place... how can I be at 2 different schools for drop off and pick up at the same time? one of my children will have to either morning/ evening arrangements for somebody else to do one of his school runs which is totally ridiculous!
- 2016-10-24 I spent a year choosing from one primary school to another a few years ago when I had two children of two primary schools due to over-subscription and a series of errors by Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire admissions and I was a nightmare. This is an outrage that it has been rapidly changed without proper consultation.
- 2016-10-25 I know parents that take their children to different schools and have to rely on other people it's not fair.
- 2016-10-25 It's hard for parents to get their children to both schools on time and also is harder if they work so
- 2016-10-25 I have friends who's children have to go to different schools.
- 2016-10-25 I know how upsetting it can be for four year olds expecting to be with a sibling and also the difficulty parents face getting children to different schools.
- 2016-10-25 This is a ludicrous decision. How can government child safety if siblings are schooled at different locations? What, if any, consideration has been taken for single parent families? It makes one stress any head in disbelief.
- 2016-10-25 The logistical difficulties would force parents to pull the older sibling from their current oversubscribed school to the under-subscribed school. This is disruptive to their education. I doubt this consequence was a mistake.

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