

## **A RESPONSE FROM SOME RESIDENTS LOCAL TO FORTHBRIDGE**

- The Belleville Governors are against these Council proposals, so are they even workable?
- The proposals are very complicated. They conflate the sibling issue at Belleville with the Forthbridge school access issue.
- The sibling issue is separate and is for Belleville parents to decide. Many people would like to see this addressed at ALL the schools in the area at the same time.
- This “ranked GPAs proposal” is flawed because:
  - Nearly all of the reception places offered at Belleville in 2010 by distance alone were to addresses already located in the FIRST GPA (including the 30 “Forthbridge places”).
  - The distances used in the SECOND GPA will still be measured from the Belleville main site.
  - Evidence from other schools shows there’s little realistic chance that any child from the SECOND GPA would ever actually gain a place (Beatrix Potter School 2007-2009)

## **AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION?**

- All good schools have a strong link with their local community and Belleville is a great example of this. The mechanism for this is very simple - that local children attend. How can we achieve this ideal at the Forthbridge school site?
- A guaranteed percentage of the reception places at Forthbridge to be reserved for local children.
- These could be phased-in over a number of years starting from 2012.
- Admission criteria for these to be the same as any other school site BUT distance to be measured from the Forthbridge school site.