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# Special Edition LABOUR WIN FIGHT FOR GOLDSMID KIDS TO GET A FAIR DEAL

## New Fair Schools Admissions System Opposed By Tory Councillors

**Local Labour Action Team Cllr. Vince Meegan, Melanie Davis and Alun Jones are celebrating the adoption of new school admission rules for the city in 2008.**

The vote on Friday night at Hove Town Hall marked the end of a two year campaign with victory for Goldsmid parents.

Under the present admissions system based on distance, children living nearest the schools are given preference over those further away. Because the main secondary schools are not evenly spread across the city, some areas have no chance of gaining admission to their nearest school whilst others are able to choose between two or more schools.

The new system will enable children living across the city to have an equal opportunity to attend their local school.

### Blatchington Mill

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr. Vince Meegan said 'Children in the north eastern area of Goldsmid traditionally attended the two Hove schools, Blatchington Mill or Hove Park. In recent years demographic changes have meant they were not able to get into any local school at all.' Some children had been sent to Patcham.

He offered his congratulations to all the parents who had worked so hard on the campaign.

Until Friday's meeting Labour had hoped the matter would reach all party consensus, but it became clear on Friday that it had not and the Tories had reversed their position.

recommendations of the panel they had appointed to examine the admissions system.

### Conservative About Turn

Only last November the Conservatives had 'welcomed' the report and its recommendations but in an astonishing about-turn all four Tory members decided to oppose it at the last moment.



**Delighted Vince gives a 'thumbs Up!' to the new system at Somerhill Junior School**

Vince added 'I have been committed to getting a more equitable system introduced and I am delighted that Labour has delivered on it, despite all the obstructions placed by opposition parties.'



Vince had made a speech at the CFS meeting urging the Children Families and Schools Committee to adopt the recom-

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