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Parents unite to lobby County Councillors

The schools admission campaign by parents of children currently at Lingfield and Dormansland Primary Schools who are hoping to move on to Oxted School in 2009 and beyond, speeded up last week as the 8 Minutes To Oxted Action Group announced that they would stage a protest march in Lingfield in January. The mass rally of parents, pupils and supporters is pencilled in for January 12 and East Surrey MP Peter Ainsworth is likely to participate. He has backed the parents in their opposition to



Surrey County Council's School Admissions Policy which is recommending that, from 2009, pupils from Lingfield and Dormansland - and Godstone - are axed from the Oxted School catchment area. Instead the youngsters are likely to have to find their way to Oakwood School in Horley, a train journey from Lingfield of 75 minutes. The action group has chosen its colourful name because eight minutes is the average train trip time from Lingfield to Oxted. The 8 Minutes To Oxted campaigners and their supporters were joined by protestors from the Godstone area to lobby County Councillors attending the Oxted meeting of the County Council's Tandridge Local Committee.
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