

To: Chairs of Governors and
Headteachers/Principals of all Norfolk Schools

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Dear Colleagues

I hope that you've enjoyed the holidays and are having a positive and exciting start to the new term.

This is a big year for Norfolk education. Much has been said about our settings, schools, academies and colleges. The determination to be more focused on learning and on the impact of improvement strategies is heartening. As part of this, it has been very helpful to have so much involvement in developing the refreshed approach to supporting improvement that we're taking, 'A Good School for Every Norfolk Learner'. The partnership between Headteacher and Governor Associations and the LA is fundamental to all of our ambitions and I look forward to this going from strength to strength.

We want to be sure that our link with individual schools is appropriate and this will be based largely on our risk assessment of the school's current performance. Intervention Officers, who work with schools facing particular challenges, and Cluster Education Partners, soon to be appointed, who will work with all other institutions, will be keen to maintain links with you. They will signpost you to other services available in Norfolk, if appropriate.

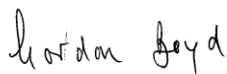
For those schools that 'require improvement', there is opportunity to join the 'Norfolk to Good and Great' approach. 80 schools have already become involved and Denise Walker will be happy to discuss this with any school that we have categorised 'B' or 'C'.

In next week's e-courier will be included a directory of the services that are part of the Education Section. Several phone numbers are given and these include:

Ofsted Support line 01603 307797 or 01603 307750
Partnership Development line 01603 222994
NIEAS (Norfolk Integrated Education Advisory Services) Training line 01603 307762
NIEAS Governor Services Advice line 303355

I wish you the very best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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