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Dear colleague

Open Schools East – Re-launch of Open Schools East at www.openschoolseast.org

We are delighted to be able to continue to provide schools in the Eastern Region with a new way to share effective and innovative practice during 2013-14.

[Open Schools East](http://www.openschoolseast.org) showcases examples of effective practice to facilitate school to school support. Schools in Cambridgeshire, Central Bedfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk have created case studies of their good school improvement practice, detailing impact and where possible external accreditation. These case studies will generate opportunities for school leaders and others to learn with and from each other through focused visits across the East.

Participation in the Open Schools East initiative could provide valuable evidence to OFSTED of effective partnership working; it could support you in demonstrating how you interact “with other schools, external agencies and the community... to improve the school, extend the curriculum and increase the range and quality of learning opportunities for pupils.” (OFSTED School Inspection Handbook).

The central feature of this project is an interactive website, which not only allows colleagues to find case studies, but also to book focused visits for professional development.

There is a range of schools covering all phases of education and different types of settings represented on this site. When considering a visit you may wish to confirm school characteristics, so that the context meets your requirements.

To share your own effective practice and join the project, please email me for further details.

We hope you will take advantage of this fantastic free opportunity for your school or your own professional development.

Yours sincerely



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