

We will achieve our aims by:

making changes to the structure of the Education Department to build on the quality already present and to provide more co-ordinated services to support schools. There will also be a re-emphasis on whole-school management and the training which supports it for governors and senior teaching staff

supporting schools to work in partnership with each other by encouraging cluster groups across the county and by promoting collaboration between willing schools. The overall needs of children must be the overriding principle

- ▶ improving the way that we consult with all partners in education so that we can have a shared view of effectiveness and improvement
- The Advancing Norfolk Education Improvement Partnership Groups will have a key role to play here in making sure that all mechanisms that support school and LEA continuous improvement are in place and operating

improving the way we communicate with and listen to schools, whether through regular meetings, in writing or using Information and Communications Technology.

Education in Norfolk

Partnership into the Millennium

Dear Colleagues

This leaflet describes the background to the changing relationship between the Education Department and schools and how I expect it to develop over the next few years.



As I said in the foreword to our Education Development Plan, the LEA is committed to the principle that every child in Norfolk is entitled to an education which allows them to realise fully their potential in life. I believe that it is through a constructive partnership that schools and LEAs together can achieve that goal for our children and young people.

I hope you will find it helpful to have this brief statement of the LEA's thinking.

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