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Dear Headteacher

Consulting young people on a vision for Children and Young People in Norfolk

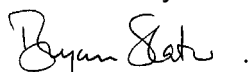
If you were able to attend the Headteacher's Conference earlier this month at the UEA, you will remember that I placed a strong emphasis on the work which needs to take place to develop preventative services for vulnerable children.

A Strategic Board, chaired by the Chief Executive of Norfolk County Council, which brings together both the relevant parts of Norfolk County Council such as Education and Social Services and external agencies such as the Norfolk Primary Healthcare Trusts, has been established for some time. As part of what it is doing, it wishes to engage young people themselves in developing a vision for all children and young people on which preventative services can be focused in this County.

I am asking you, if at all possible, to help in this process by using the materials which accompany this letter with groups of children in your school. The materials were put together by members of the Norfolk Education Advisory Service working with Norfolk teachers and others, and I briefed Cluster Chairs about them on the 24th of September, so I hope this does not come entirely out of the blue. Further copies of the materials can be obtained by telephoning Frances Kemp on 01603 222234. The material can also be found on the e-bulletin.

I do of course realise the immense pressure on curriculum time that you are having to manage and I would not make this request were I not convinced that this is a significant moment in the development of services to children in Norfolk, and therefore warrants this kind of attention. I do hope you will be able to help in the way described in the attached materials. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

30 September 2003

'We believe that all children should be healthy, happy and safe and have high aspirations for their future'

Dear Teacher

Developing a vision for all children and young people in Norfolk

I am writing on behalf of a partnership that involves the County Council, district councils, the health service, Connexions and other agencies to ask teachers in the county to help us to develop a vision statement that genuinely reflects the outcomes that we and they wish to see for all children and young people in Norfolk.

We might say that all children have the right to be loved, healthy, safe, knowledgeable and skilled, active and engaged. But there are factors that prevent this. Rather than tell children and young people at this stage what outcomes we want for them, we want to know what positive outcomes they want for themselves and their peers and what prevents them enjoying these. We are asking them to think about these two things under the headings 'healthy', 'happy' and 'safe'.

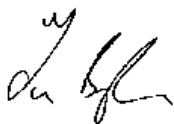
I fully appreciate the demands placed on teachers, which is why the enclosed teaching resources have been generated by a PHSE teacher who has practical experience of delivering interactive material within the limitations of the school timetable. I very much hope that this one-hour interactive workshop can be slotted in to the PHSE curriculum or tutorial time, without disrupting any rotation system or existing curriculum planning. It may be that Classroom Assistants, parent volunteers or older children or School Council members could help with the workshops.

Enclosed in this Teacher's Pack are all the teaching materials (apart from pens!) that you will need for a one-hour session, including Teacher's Notes. I hope that you and your class enjoy the workshop and that you feel that this initiative, and its future potential, is important enough for your pupils to get involved.

I would welcome comments from teachers and have provided a sheet for this. On this sheet could you please let me know which year group was engaged in this exercise.

In order to influence the early stages of the development of a vision, it would be very helpful if output from the workshop could be returned to County Hall by the end of November, recognising that this is a very tight timescale and any comments that are received after this will still be able to influence developments. They can be returned in the cardboard tube with the return address label

Thank you for helping children and young people in Norfolk to make their voices heard.



Tim Byles
Chief Executive

Developing a Vision for Norfolk - Teacher's Notes

Materials and Resources - You will need:

1. The Teacher's Pack, containing twelve tasks on large sheets of paper.
2. Enough felt tip pens in strong colours for one class.
3. Wall or table space to display six large sheets at any one time.
4. Space to move around and look at all displayed sheets.
5. One hour to complete the tasks.

Lesson Plan:

Divide the group in to three smaller groups.

Brainstorming

Tasks One, Two and Three: Give each of the three groups one of the first three tasks and ask them to write down in the circle, as many things that they can think of that are important for young people to be: *Healthy, Happy and Safe*

Tasks Four, Five and Six: Give each of the three groups one of the next three tasks and ask them to write down in the circle as many things that they can think of that stop young people from being: *Healthy, Happy and Safe*

Bring the whole class together.

Diamond Ranking

Pin up the sheets of paper marked One/Two/Three/Four/Five/Six.
Ask pupils to walk around the room and look at what the other groups have written down and to add anything important that they feel has been left out.
Help summarise ideas through discussion with the whole group.
Help the whole class decide what nine things should be placed on each of the Diamond Ranking sheets for *Healthy, Happy and Safe*.

Divide the class back in to three groups

Tasks Seven, Eight and Nine: Give each of the three groups a Diamond Ranking sheet and ask them to rank the most important nine things for young people to be: ***Healthy, Happy and Safe***

Tasks Ten, Eleven and Twelve: Give each of the three groups a Diamond Ranking sheet and ask them to rank the most important nine things that stop young people from being: ***Healthy, Happy and Safe***

Please post your completed workshop material to Norfolk County Council in the pre-paid cardboard tube provided.

Thank you very much for the time that you have taken to participate in this project.

Developing a Vision for Norfolk

Dear Teacher,

Please state the year group which engaged with this exercise.....

Please feel free to use the space below to give your views regarding this project and the workshop that you held.

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Please feel free to make comments about the pupil's response to this project.

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