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To All Norfolk Schools

Dear Headteacher/Chair of Governors

BRIEFINGS FOR GOVERNORS AND HEADTEACHERS – Education Service Information NETwork (EsiNet Website)

We are pleased to invite headteachers and school governors to attend a briefing session and demonstration on the newly enhanced EsiNet website.

The New EsiNet website (www.norfolkeinet.org.uk) is the Norfolk Education Department's website of information and resources for those involved with learning across the Norfolk community. The new enhanced site has been designed to improve the range, quality and vibrancy of both information and resources to support learners and other users of the site. One of the major enhancements is that the EsiNet site is now hosted in the public domain so that pupils, teachers, headteachers, Governors and other users can access content from any Internet connected PC. New EsiNet combines the best of the former EsiNet school and public sites, but also now provides opportunities for all users to easily contribute content to the Website. They can also take advantage of facilities that include discussion forums and galleries for publishing children's work. Users are also invited to provide feedback to help the site grow into a rich and valued resource for the learning community in Norfolk. In order to share with you more about these exciting developments, we very much hope you will be able to attend one of the three sessions which we will be repeating at the following venues in Norwich, Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn.

Dates:

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| Norwich Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road | Tuesday, 29 April 2003 |
| Imperial Hotel, Great Yarmouth | Thursday, 1 May 2003 |
| West Norfolk PDC, King's Lynn | Wednesday, 7 May 2003 |

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The briefings will be led by the LEA's Management Information Centre and the Advisory Service but we would very much welcome feedback at the sessions from Governors and Headteachers on the work done so far and as to how the potential of EsiNet might be further developed in the future. If these briefings prove useful the further events for other school-based staff will be arranged later in the summer term.

Agenda:

- 5.30pm Arrival -Tea/Coffee
- 6.00pm Introduction – Sue Rossiter (Deputy Director of Education)
- 6.10pm Overview and Demonstration of EsiNet – Sid Arkle / Paul Venn

The ways the new EsiNet website will benefit schools, managers, parents, governors and other community groups in Norfolk

- The new *EsiNet* site - the changes
- Accessing management and curriculum information
- *The Gallery* - Schools presenting pupils' work
- *Weblinks* - sharing useful website references
- *News* - publishing news events 'live' onto the EsiNet site
- *Forums* - setting up on-line discussion groups
- *Schoolfinder* and links to Norfolk Schools websites
- Ways our community can contribute to EsiNet

- 7.15pm Questions/Feedback
- 7.30pm Close of meeting

If you intend to come along to one of the sessions, we would be very grateful if you would complete the attached reply slip and return it to: Anne Mitchell at the Advisory Service, Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, Norwich NR7 9QL by 10th April 2003. Please note that a maximum of 2 people from each school will be able to attend at each venue so please respond promptly to secure a place(s).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01603-433276

Yours sincerely

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