Date: 11th. March 2002

Dear Headteacher

Norfolk is fortunate to have been selected for a flagship project called "Creative Partnerships". This is a DCMS initiative, which will be launched in April 2002. The aim is to enable children and their teachers to explore their creativity through an enhanced programme of artistic and creative opportunities. It will bring pilot schools together with a wide range of creative professionals. **Please do not contact the LEA directly at this stage** with enquiries about potential school involvement, as we are not able to give any further information to you at present

Attached is a letter and brief questionnaire from East England Arts, who are gathering initial information about Artists and Companies working in Norfolk Schools, on behalf of the Arts Council of England. We are informed that this information gathering exercise is intended to help develop a benchmark starting point.

Your assistance with this questionnaire would be appreciated. The Arts Council of England have agreed to share the information gathered with the LEA as it will help us with the strategic planning and development of an increasing number of artist in schools projects.

Yours sincerely

Patrice Baldwin

Adviser for the Promotion of the Arts in Schools

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Dear Head Teacher,

Creative Partnerships Project

As you may already know, Norfolk has been selected to be the Eastern Region Pilot for Creative Partnerships – a national initiative from the Arts Council of England. Creative Partnerships is an innovative scheme designed to increase the creative opportunities available to children and young people in and around a cluster of up to 25 schools. The scheme could attract as much as £1.5 million pounds over two years and make a real difference here in Norfolk.

As part of the initial phase of this exciting project I have been contracted to establish an audit of creative and cultural provision in, or that could be brought into the CP area. As we are interested in professional input to creative activities in schools it would help me greatly to establish the current levels of activity and to find out which Companies and Artists schools have chosen to work with in the past twelve months.

The cluster of schools is yet to be confirmed and so I am contacting all schools to ask if they would be kind enough to complete and return the brief questionnaire attached to this letter. Until the participating schools are identified my role is to look at the broader picture of provision across the county. The information you provide will be invaluable both to the Creative Partnership project development and also to Norfolk LEA, with whom we are working in close partnership.

I should stress that your co-operation will be very useful but unfortunately has no bearing on the involvement of your school in the project. I will however ensure that you are kept informed of progress of CP and assure you that the positive benefits of this scheme should be felt across the county in time.

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this letter.

Yours sincerely.

Peter Thornton On behalf of East England Arts & Norfolk County Council.

Creative Partnerships Project - Research Phase

Name of School: Head Teacher:
Address
Email address:

Have you in the past 12 months worked with external professionals to develop and or deliver
creative opportunities for your pupils? \Box Yes \Box No
If yes, please give details: Name of Company or Organisation Address:
Number of Days:
Art form or Curricular area: -

Q1.Have you used other professional companies or organisations in the past that you would like to recommend?

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Q2.What areas of creative provision would you like to develop in the next 12 –18 months?

Q3.What links do you have with Professional Arts and Cultural organisations within the county? e.g. Norwich Theatre Royal, Castle Museum & Gallery, Tiebreak Theatre Company.

Name: Links Name: Links:

Name:	 	
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Q4.Do you have links with Cultural Industries or New Technology in the county or beyond?
e.g. Designers, Film makers, Digital Photography, Website designers. Yes No If Yes please give details:

Q5.What out of school creative or cultural activities take place?

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Please return all questionnaires to: Peter Thornton 48-49 Bateman Street Cambridge CB2 1LR