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Dear Headteacher,

Annual Conference for Primary School Deputy Heads:

'Teaching Children How To Learn'

Wednesday 4th January 2006
Norwich Professional Development Centre

The annual conference for all deputies and assistant heads takes place at the Norwich Professional Development Centre at the start of the Spring Term 2006. In the past, some colleagues have been unable to attend the event during term time, hence the move to one of the official school closure days.

The conference will be introduced by **Fred Corbett**, Deputy Director, Children's Services, and led by **Professor Ruth Deakin-Crick**, research fellow at the University of Bristol. Ruth will be leading the morning session outlining the principles of the 'ELLI' project, which has proved to be a highly effective practical tool for use in the classroom. The 'Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory' is a project designed to indicate how effective children are as learners and quite specifically indicate to teachers how this can be used to nurture and strengthen individual and group learning power.

As one teacher stated, 'ELLI has completely altered my feelings about teaching. I feel I can now teach learning skills quite explicitly. I can support my pupils immeasurably more in taking responsibility not just for the work they do, but for how they do it. I feel that I am no longer just a teacher, but a teacher of learning as well.'

It is crucial that we make the curriculum relevant and meaningful for learners and this project offers further ideas for improving provision in line with Excellence and Enjoyment.

The programme for the day will include:

- opportunities to hear about and reflect upon examples of innovative curriculum design and classroom practice in two Norfolk schools which is having a significant impact on children's learning

- time to consider and discuss issues raised by participants
- an opportunity to network with other deputies, assistant heads and those with a significant leadership responsibility in a small school
- an opportunity to consider the future direction of the programme of training and support for deputy heads.

The conference has been planned to align with the major principles contained in 'Excellence and Enjoyment,' the key thrusts of Norfolk's response to the National Primary Strategy and the 'Every Child Matters' agenda. It is particularly relevant at a time when evidence from Norfolk's Supported Self Evaluation programme and from the LEA OFSTED profile, indicate that improving the learning climate and raising standards are key challenges faced by the school's management team. The deputy has a highly influential role to play in making his/her school a more exciting place in which children can learn.

This course will give clear, practical advice on how this can be achieved and we are sure that your deputy and school will gain great benefit from the course. We hope you will support and encourage your deputy's application. It is of course possible to book on line at

<http://advisoryserviceactive.norfolk.gov.uk/inset>

(course reference 5RN033) or by forwarding a completed booking form. For further details contact Ralph Cross or Tim Strugnell at the Norwich Professional Development Centre (01603 433276).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Orsborne', enclosed within a circular scribble.

David Orsborne
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