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To all Schools and Settings with Foundation Stage Classes

Dear Practitioner

As you may be aware, the focus of our Early Years Conference on 3rd November is "Involving Parents in their Children's Learning". Margy Whalley will talk about her work with parents and their children at the Pen Green Centre in Corby. In the afternoon, Norfolk Early Years Practitioners who have successfully completed the "Involving Parents in their Children's Learning" course will be talking about how, by exploring different elements of the course they have been able to raise the quality of their relationship with parents in their settings.

On 22nd and 23rd January 2004, the Involving Parents in their Children's Learning Course will be running at Earlham Early Years Centre.

The two-day course enables participants to develop:

- An understanding of the theory and the practice that underpins working with parents. (We will be using seminars, exercises and interactive video analysis to explore these issues).
- An understanding of how to evaluate current practice in relation to involving parents in their children's learning in early years settings including:
 - developing an action plan
 - implementing changes
 - reviewing the impact of these changes in relationships between staff, parents and on children's learning and development.

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This is an exciting project for settings to embark upon and over the following year participants will be supported as they

- conduct an audit
- construct an action plan
- implement and review the impact of changes made

We have allocated places for 40 practitioners to attend this training, and are keen to achieve a balance of schools, independent schools, nurseries, pre-schools and playgroups. The two-day course is fully funded by the EYDCP and money for supply is also included.

If you would like to be involved in this project please complete the enclosed form and return to Becky Ward as soon as possible. Places will be allocated on a first come basis.

For more information about the course please contact Constance Tyce or Jo Mixer on 01603 433276.

Yours sincerely

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