

Consultation with Children and Young People on the SEN Strategy

Look out for the Norfolk Blurb consultation pack that has been sent out to a number of schools this week containing details of the consultation on special and additional educational needs. This consultation is a high profile consultation that will have a huge impact on special schools and mainstream schools within Norfolk, as some of you may have seen on the front of the EDP24 on 7th June 2006 <http://www.norfolkblurb.co.uk/cms.php?pageid=805>. The Active Citizenship Team have put together the consultation pack and we are asking for your Youth Workers to take it out to all their projects. In the pack is a letter explaining how to get Young People to register on the Blurb Website to complete the consultation and have the chance to win £50 or two runner up prizes of £25! We realise that not all projects will have access to the internet and are therefore attaching a copy that can be printed off and returned to myself for them to be entered into the competition.

Next week Active Citizenship will be sending out more consultation packs to schools across the County containing a specially designed consultation paper for high school pupils as well as one for primary school pupils. Each of these consultation documents can be accessed electronically via the Norfolk Blurb website www.norfolkblurb.co.uk.

Some Young People may need more support to register on the Blurb Website, but apart from that it is accessible and easy to follow.

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Date: Wednesday 7th June 2006
Our Ref: SEN Consultation

Dear Youth Worker,

Re: Paper Version of SEN Consultation

Norfolk County Council's Children's Service's is running a consultation on the Special Educational Needs Services that are available in Norfolk. The changes that may be made as a result of this consultation will affect young people in both Special Schools and mainstream Schools.

As part of the consultation the Active Citizenship Team have produced a method of consulting with young people via the Council's award winning website www.norfolkblurb.co.uk We are aware that some youth work venues and young people may not have internet access so therefore we have copied the content from the Website to ensure it is fully accessible for all young people to take part.

To take part in the consultation and to be in for a chance to win up to £50 worth or two runner up prizes of £25 worth of cinema vouchers young people need to do the following if they cannot access the consultation via Norfolk Blurb:

1. Complete the following registration form if young people are NOT already registered on Norfolk Blurb. If they are registered then they need to provide their name and username.
2. Read the info about the consultation and competition
3. Answer the 10 questions
4. And answer the 10 simple questions
5. They can also provide any other comments they may have
6. Send the registration form and consultation back to us at the Training Unit

The consultation will end on Monday 7th August 2006 and 3 winners will be randomly drawn and notified by Friday 18th August 2006.

We would appreciate it if you could support the young people you work with to take part in this consultation. It's really important that all young people are given a chance to have their say.

If you have any problems or queries about the consultation please don't hesitate to contact me or Sarah Harrison on 01603 485999 (opt.4).

Yours sincerely

Tom Gaskin
Norfolk Blurbs Project Coordinator



Register

Your Real Name: _____

Date of Birth: __ / __ / ____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Your Ethnic Origin:

☐ White ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☐ Chinese ☐ Dual Heritage ☐ Traveller
☐ Other

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Your District: _____

Contact Method:

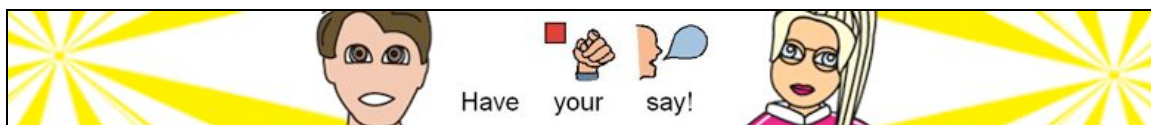
☐ Email ☐ Post ☐ Home Phone ☐ Mobile Phone ☐ SMS

☐ I would like to receive the Blurb Newsletter

☐ I would like to receive Blurb text messages

Please specify a username and password that you would like to be able to access www.norfolkblurb.co.uk with once this form is returned.

Username: _____ Password: _____










 Children's Services are thinking about making special schools into




 Complex needs schools.

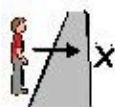


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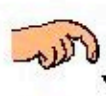
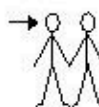
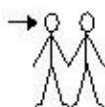




 A lot of young people with Special educational needs are travelling



across Norfolk to get to school because there is not a school



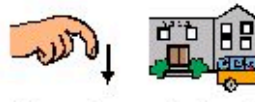
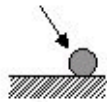
near to them that can offer what support they need.



Proposal 1: Development of Complex Needs Schools.



Do you think it is a good idea for



there to be at least one Complex Needs School

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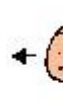


in each of the five areas of Norfolk? (North, South, East, West

and Central).



Do you agree?



Yes

No



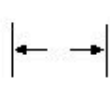
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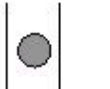
Most of our Special Schools are for children and young people with



moderate and severe learning difficulties. The new complex needs



schools will provide a wide choice of facilities and opportunities for



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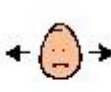
children and young people between the ages of 2 to 19 with the



most complex needs.



Do you agree?










Yes

No





Please enter any comments/views you have on the above:

  Do you think it is a good idea for more

     residential places in Complex Needs Schools ?

 Do you agree?

  Yes No

   Please enter any comments/views you have on the above:



Proposal 2: Development of Specialist Resource Bases.



Learning Support Centres will become Specialist Resource Bases. These



will have skills in a Specialist area such as:



Learning difficulties.



Autistic Spectrum disorders. (ASD)



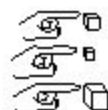
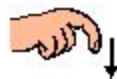
Behaviour and emotional and social difficulties.



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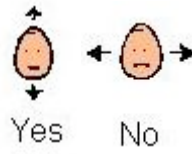
Some of the 23 Learning Support centres might be moved because



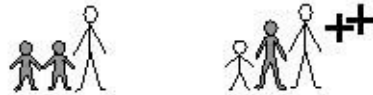
of the needs of each area.



Do you agree?



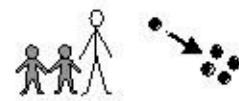
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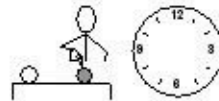
Proposal 3: Provision for Children and Young People with Autistic



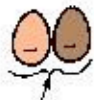
Spectrum Disorders (ASD).



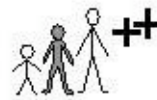
We have limited places for Young People and Children with



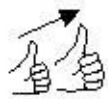
autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) at this time.



We will:





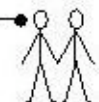

Provide specialist ASD support for Children and Young People.



Develop and build good practice in our special schools for

ASD.



     
Help people understand ASD more and facilitate chances for Children

   
and Young People to be included in their local mainstream school if



right.


Do you agree?

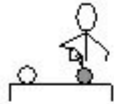
 
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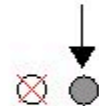
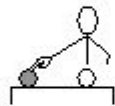
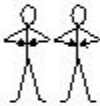
Proposal 4: Provision for Children and Young People with sensory loss.



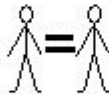
At this time all provision for Children and Young People with a



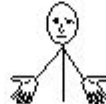
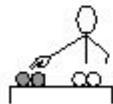
sensory loss is in Norwich.



We are thinking that there should be more provision in other



areas of Norfolk for equality of access and to make sure that the



needs of those pupils who need highly specialist and qualified



support are met.



Do you agree?



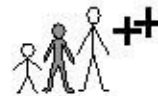
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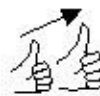
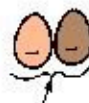
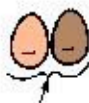
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Proposal 5: Provision for Children and Young People with behaviour,



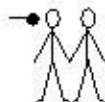
emotional and Social difficulties.



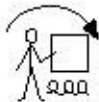


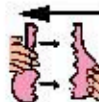

We are suggesting that we improve Pupil Referral Units by :



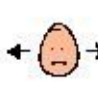
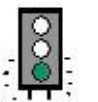





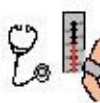

Supporting those who are permanently excluded and help them return to

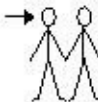





their local mainstream school.






 Educating and supporting those who are on a fixed term exclusion.








 Supporting those who are refusing to go to school.





 And supporting those who have medical difficulties that mean

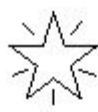
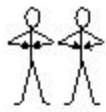

 they can't go to their local school.


 Do you agree?



 Yes No



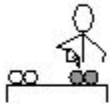
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We will develop specialist behaviour, emotional and social difficulties



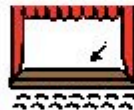
resource bases on mainstream school sites.



These will:



Try to help stop social exclusion.



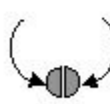
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Offer support to Key Stage 4 children at mainstream school



who need help with learning key skills.



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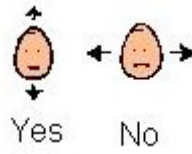
Make sure Young People aged 14 - 19 with behaviour, emotional



and social difficulties have access to local help.



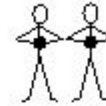
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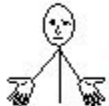
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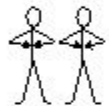
We will develop more provision for children and young people with



Complex behaviour, emotional and social difficulties in our complex



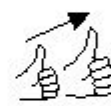
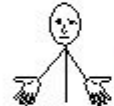
needs schools.



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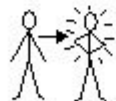
One complex needs school in Norfolk will develop a lead



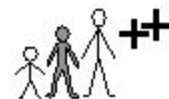
specialism in behaviour, emotional and social difficulties.



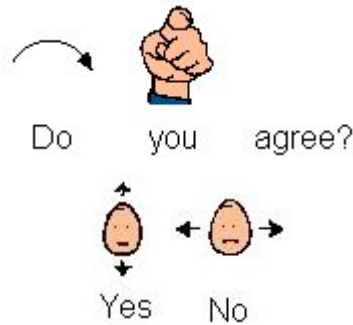
The school that already deals with behaviour, emotional and social



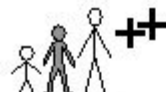
difficulties will become a Complex Needs School for Children and



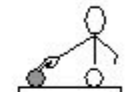
young people with significant complex behaviour.



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Lots of young people and children with behaviour, emotional and social



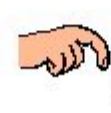
difficulties are at schools outside of Norfolk. This means that



consideration needs to be given to developing another complex





needs school for children and young People with significant complex



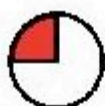




behaviour, emotional and social needs.





 Do you agree? 

 Yes  No


 Please enter any comments/views  you have on the above: 

 Thanks for taking part in the consultation!  

 Remember to be in for a chance to win the  £50 worth of

 cinema vouchers  you  need to take  part in all **5**

3  consultations! 3 winners will be randomly drawn and notified by

 Friday 18th August 06. 