

# Leading Learning in the Early Years

## Improving quality in the Foundation Stage

### A second opportunity to apply to this successful course

This is a new and exciting programme for Norfolk managers of integrated and pre-school settings, headteachers and deputies of schools with a Foundation Stage. The programme will be particularly helpful in supporting managers, headteachers and deputies who may have limited experience in leading and managing the Foundation Stage.

The programme is designed to broaden the perspectives of managers, headteachers and deputies in the leadership and management of the Foundation Stage by:

- visiting integrated Foundation Stage settings in other LAs;
- engaging with colleagues across the County in debate about common issues, including the development of extended schools and the provision of integrated services;
- listening and debating issues with visiting speakers;
- evaluating the quality of the Foundation Stage in their own setting or school and engaging in problem solving activities to raise expectations further.

### Aims

This programme will enable course participants to:

- Consider views of leadership which take integration of services and learning as the focal point for their setting or school improvement;
- Visit a range of integrated Foundation Stage settings in other LAs and reflect on improvement issues with colleagues in those settings;
- Attend a residential conference to share experiences with colleagues, evaluate the strengths and areas for improvement in their own Foundation Stage, and establish an improvement project in their own setting or school.

The programme will take place during the summer term and autumn term 2005, and spring term 2006.

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Course Ref: 5PN003

To apply for a place at this activity please complete a booking form and return it to:

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## Outline of the Programme

14th April 2005 2 – 4 pm Norwich Professional Development Centre	Introduction and preparation for the programme
May and June 2005	Visits to integrated Foundation Stage settings in other LAs
23rd and 24th June 2005 The Links Country Park Hotel, West Runton	Residential Conference to share experiences, listen to key-note speakers and plan for the future
Autumn term 2005 onwards	Improvement project within my own Foundation Stage, supported by colleagues
24th February 2006 Norwich Professional Development Centre	Share progress to date

Funding for supply cover will be provided for colleagues in small schools who have a heavy teaching commitment and for managers in exceptional circumstances.

The Residential Conference will be funded centrally, through EDP funding.

Course participants will be expected to fund their own travel arrangements to other LAs, although costs can be shared between colleagues

### Programme leaders:

Anne Dobson, Education Officer, Early Years  
Ray Leeke, Principal Adviser  
Constance Tyce, Primary Adviser, Early Years

Further details of the programme will be supplied upon application. Please find attached the booking form to be returned by Friday 18th March 2005.

We will be limiting the group to around 25 managers, headteachers and deputies. Priority will be given to applicants:

- Who are developing integrated provision
- Who may have limited experience in leading and managing the Foundation Stage
- As collaborative working is a key part of the programme, we will also need course participants, who have successful experience in leading and managing the Foundation Stage or integrated provision
- So that full use of cluster arrangements can be made to share good practice, we will be seeking to ensure that there is a broad balance of course participants across all areas of Norfolk.



**Tel (inc STD code):**

**Title:**

In exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Advisory Services Centre the fee paid will be refunded in total, or the course will be rescheduled for a mutually convenient date. Return to: Admin Assistant (NASET), Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, Norwich, NR7 9JL. Tel: (01603) 433276. Fax: (01603) 700236