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To: Headteachers of schools in Gt Yarmouth, Gorleston, Caister, Stalham, Martham, Loddon, Long Stratton and Swaffham High School areas.

Dear Colleague

### **Review Of School Organisation**

I suspect that you will have read, in the local press, of the progress being made on the Norfolk Schools PFI project. You will be aware that the date for implementation of the review does depend on the timescale for the PFI project. Jarvis have now been appointed as preferred bidder. This means that detailed negotiations can proceed and that the timescale for review has become firmer. I anticipate that the PFI contract will be signed around the end of March 2004.

You will remember that the date for implementation of the review was stated in the public notices as being September 2004. It was a requirement of the drafting of the public notices to quote a firm date. However it was made clear in the notes accompanying the notice that a later date for implementation was likely in much of the review area. In order that there is certainty about the date on which reorganisation can take place, I will need to wait until the contract is signed before taking the necessary action to amend the date of implementation. This will require the School Organisation Committee to agree to change the date. However the bid from Jarvis for the PFI project indicates that the likely implementation dates for each of the secondary school areas are as follows:

#### **September 2005**

Loddon  
Long Stratton

#### **September 2006**

Gt. Yarmouth  
Gorleston  
Caister  
Martham  
Stalham  
Swaffham

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## Review Of School Organisation

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A letter has been prepared for parents and sufficient copies of this are enclosed with this letter. A meeting for schools in each area will be organised during the current term. This will discuss the issues which need to be considered as the date for reorganisation approaches. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the officer responsible for implementing the review, Jonathan Towns tel. 01603 222314 or by email at [jonathan.towns@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.towns@norfolk.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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To: Parents/Carers of children attending schools in the Gt Yarmouth, Gorleston, Caister, Stalham, Martham, Loddon, Long Stratton and Swaffham High School areas.

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Review Of School Organisation**

I am writing to let you know about important developments concerning the education of your child.

You will remember that the date we have given in formal public notices for the change to the age ranges at the school attended by your child was September 2004. It was a requirement of the formal procedure to quote a firm date. However it was made clear in the notes accompanying the notice that a later date for implementation was likely in much of the review area. Now that we have reached the point in the PFI project for funding the changes in the schools which allows us to be clearer about timing, we can say that the likely implementation dates are as follows for each of the secondary school areas:-

#### **September 2005**

Loddon  
Long Stratton

#### **September 2006**

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| Gt. Yarmouth | Martham  |
| Gorleston    | Stalham  |
| Caister      | Swaffham |

I will confirm these dates, when they are formally agreed, and send out further information as details are available.

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Yours sincerely

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