'Promoting disability equality in schools' – a new section of 'Implementing the Disability Discrimination Act in schools and early years settings' explains to schools how they can develop their Disability Equality Schemes.

The DfES are holding a series of workshops for SMT members of schools, school governors and officers in local authorities with responsibility for supporting schools in meeting the Disability Equality Duty.

Workshops for primary schools, special schools and pupil referral units will be held in the summer term - dates and venues will be provided in a later communication.

To view a full list of the secondary workshops which are taking place this term and register for an event follow the link www.pauljamesassociates.co.uk/login.htm using conference code 975837 and password pdes.

Alternatively, registration detail can be emailed to the conference organisers at pdes@pauljamesassociates.co.uk or phone 0115 943 5589 for more information. Joining instructions, including an outline programme and location map, will be sent to you after the closing date.

Places for each event are limited and the closing date for registration for the secondary events is 12 February 2007.

Dates for secondary schools workshops are as follows:

26/02/07 West Midlands – Aston Villa FC, Birmingham;

27/02/07 South West – Marriott City Centre, Bristol;

2/03/07 East Midlands – Crowne Plaza, Nottingham;

5/03/07 North East - Marriott Gosforth Park, Newcastle;

7/03/07 East of England – Newmarket Race Course, Newmarket;

8/03/07 North West – Renaissance, Manchester;

9/03/07 South East – Thistle, Brighton;

14/03/07 Yorkshire and the Humber – Holiday Inn Harrogate;

22/03/07 London - Thistle Marble Arch, London