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The Headteacher
Secondary Schools

Dear Colleague

I would like to introduce myself as the recently appointed Mobility Training Advisory Teacher for Norfolk Children's Services Advisory Services, based at the Professional Development Centre in Norwich. I have been appointed to advise and support schools on helping pupils to become independent travellers.

A Mobility Training Project has been devised which will enable pupils to improve their pedestrian and transport skills, which will help pupils in high schools with special educational needs to be more confident and competent in their pedestrian skills and use of transport. Norfolk County Council spends £7,500,000 every year to make further education, post 16, available to pupils who have difficulty using public transport. There is an obvious need to reduce this budget if at all possible. I can advise you on a programme which has been proved to be successful, is simple to use, can be unique to your school, and will give pupils the entitlement and opportunity to be independently mobile, raising their levels of confidence and self-esteem. The programme is run in Years 8 – 11. County accreditation will be given to those establishments who are involved. The programme will introduce positive /safe practice with adult assistance, and will encourage progress through the practice of the varied activities culminating in an improvement of pedestrian skills leading to independent travel.

A specific pack will be supplied to each school, with set tasks, photographs of the local area, and individual assessment sheets for each pupil. The programme has been in use at a special school in Norfolk for several years and has a proven pass/success rate of at least 80%. The Mobility Training Programme is now on trial in another Norfolk special school and four high schools.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me direct or book an appointment through my secretary Sarah Wait at the Professional Development Centre 01603 433276. I look forward to talking/meeting with you or your head of PSHE to discuss this exciting and innovative project.

Yours sincerely

Peter Walsh
Mobility Adviser