



Diocese of
NORWICH

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From the Chair of the Norwich Diocesan Board of Education

To the Headteachers of Norfolk Schools.

Dear Headteacher,

Asha Kiran: Norwich Diocesan Lent Project

In the Diocese of Norwich we are planning a project for next Lent (5th March to 20th April 2003) to raise money to help build an integrated special needs school in Bangalore, South India.

I have already been in touch with church schools in Norwich Diocese. I am grateful for the opportunity of this County Mailing to bring this project to the attention of all schools in the area (though I realise this will duplicate information Church Schools have already received). I know that many schools have their own projects for charitable giving, and I do not want to cut across these. But if you are able to, please consider being part of this project.

The School is called Asha Kiran, which means Ray of Hope. It has a Christian foundation, and is currently meeting in the head teacher's house. The plan is to build a new school for 200 children who have a range of disabilities, and to provide accommodation for some of them and support for their families. This is the only integrated Special Needs School in Bangalore, a city of 8 million people. The project will cost about £100,000. I have seen testimonials from the local authorities in South India, and have had the designs and business plan for the new school professionally assessed. We are working in cooperation with OCTeam - a Christian funding organisation based near Nottingham - who have given their support to the project, and will be the banker for us, dealing with tax arrangements.

My wife, Dr. Sue Atkinson, is a specialist primary maths consultant, and she has put together a maths pack of activities for place-value, measuring and large numbers which can be used to help with fundraising. If your Maths Coordinator would be interested in these, please let me know and we will send you a maths project ideas pack. Clearly other fundraising activities and sponsorships may also be appropriate.

The Project will end with a service in Norwich Cathedral at 11.0 am on Thursday 12th June, at which we hope that people from all the schools which have taken part will be able to be present.

I enclose a poster which you may wish to use. Please register by returning this form.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,

David, Bishop of Thetford

To Bishop of Thetford's Secretary, Rectory Meadow, Bramerton, Norwich NR14 7DW

Our school wishes to register as part of the Asha Kiran Project for Lent 2003:

- please send me some more details
- please send me a maths project ideas pack.

Name of school: (nursery/primary/middle/secondary)

Address and phone number

Contact person (e.g. Maths Coordinator):

Signed:(Headteacher)



Church of England Diocese of Norwich
Ray of Hope Lent Project

Asha Kiran

which means

Ray of Hope

Special Needs School



Churches and schools in Norwich Diocese are invited to raise funds to help build a new school in Bangalore, South India.

The children are being taught in the Headteacher's home but they need their own building.

All of the children have special needs, some are hard of hearing, some autistic, some lower achievers, some have mental and physical problems. The Asha Kiran is the only integrated special needs school in Bangalore.

If you would like your Church or School to join the Lent Project to help Asha Kiran School then give Bishop David a ring on 01508 538251 or email: secretary@bpofthetford.fslife.co.uk



Lent is from Ash Wednesday (5th March) to Easter (20th April) 2003 but contributions are welcome at any time.
Ray of Hope Service in Norwich Cathedral on 12th June at 11am.