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Youth Express Project

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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Heathfield Partnership, working together with Heathfield Youth Centre and Heathfield Community College, are very proud to bring you some great news!

We have been successful in securing East Sussex County Council funding in order to provide a six months' pilot transport project (1st October 2008 to 31st March 2009), which will enable young people who live in rural areas around Heathfield, to access some of the Youth Centre's and College's provisions. The funding will be used to run a minibus, to provide transport for students from rural areas. Initially, we have chosen a couple of projects/clubs which young people will be able to access at the Youth Centre. They are:

- Information Advice and Guidance Drop-In - Monday's 3.30pm till 5.00pm, which is free and open to all students. Students who wish to access this provision could do so and not worry about transport home. (Open every Monday throughout the year).
- Junior Night, Thursday - 6.30pm till 8.30 pm, which is available to yr 6, 7 and 8 students and offers a variety of activities such as sport, art, cooking or just the chance to meet their friends whilst enjoying outdoor or indoor sports facilities, pool/snooker, dance mats and much more. The entry to this club is £1. (Term time only).

We would suggest that the pick up/drop off point would be at the primary school lay-bys.

The project will also be used to provide transport to Heathfield Community College Twilight Primary Clubs (Art and Drama Clubs), which will be taking place on Tuesdays, commencing on the 4th November 2008 (for more information, please contact Chris Vigor at Heathfield Community College on 01435 866066, Ext 256). (Term time only).

The Youth Express will also provide transport for trips and outings, which will be available through various clubs at the Youth Centre.

The Youth Express service would be dependent on the need and demand, therefore, we would strongly encourage you to communicate with us, to help us to improve this service so we can make a difference in reducing the rural isolation for some young people. We would welcome any ideas and help in supporting our travel initiative. Small changes can make a big difference to lives of young people.

The Heathfield Youth Council website www.heathfield.net/youth-council will also be launched on 1st October and will have all up to date information regarding this project. We believe it will provide an effective communication platform for all the young people in our area.

Yours truly,

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Please, return this slip to College reception if your child would like to access any of the above projects/clubs and you would be interested in securing their seat on the Youth Express minibuses. The routes will be identified according to the response and will be published on the Youth Council website.

Child's name.....
Address.....
Club/Provision for which the Youth Express is required.....

We would also like to hear from you if you have difficulties accessing other provisions or would like to assist us with supervision of students during the journeys (subject to CRB check).

I would be interested in supervising during the minibus journeys.
Name
Contact Number