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Dear Colleagues,

RELAUNCH OF INDEPENDENT TRAVEL TRAINING OFFER

I am pleased to introduce myself, my name is (Mr) Sandy Carruthers and I have been newly appointed as the line manager for the Transport Services Group's Independent Travel Trainers.

Many of you will be aware of the names Lynn Wade, Terry Cheeseman & Mike Powell. Lynn & Terry have now left Lincolnshire County Council and as a result we are actively recruiting additional ITT Trainers to work alongside Mike.

The aim of this email is to firstly inform you of the new ITT contact within the Transport Services Group and to remind you of what Independent Travel Training can offer. Secondly to request contact information for your SENCOs so that I can liaise with them directly on matters relating to Independent Travel Training.

Independent Travel Training is a complimentary service open to pupils/students between 14 to 25 years of age attending School or College in Lincolnshire on transport provided by Lincolnshire County Council.

The training currently involves supporting pupils/students on a one to one basis to get to school/college by either walking, cycling, using buses or trains, whichever is appropriate. It is our aim to introduce group training sessions in the near future, which we hope would involve bus companies providing a vehicle for your pupils/students to explore.

Existing Training covers:

- Personal Safety
- Road Safety
- Communication Skills
- Mapping
- "What If" scenario's

This training is tailored to the young person's needs. The aim is to give the young person more confidence and independence which will hopefully overflow into their everyday life and give greater opportunities for a better future both educationally and socially and enhance their employment prospects.

The trainer liaises closely with families, schools and colleges before and during the training, as it is important all parties work together in supporting the young person.

Our aim is to equip young people with the skills required to travel independently, confidently and safely thereby removing any reliance on dedicated transport, not only now but also in the future.

Should you wish to refer a young person for ITT our online application form can be found at - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport/independent-travel-training> or if you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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