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Dear Colleague,

Domesday Project

It appears that the sending out of the list allocating the grid reference numbers/blocks to participating schools has created a certain amount of confusion and concern on the part of some of the schools committed to the Project. The allocations were made according to principles briefly outlined in the same letter from Mr. Hendy, but it now appears that a fair number of colleagues having located their blocks feel they are inappropriate for reasons largely to do with proximity to their school. The difficulty has been experienced in attempting to reasonably allocate over 100 schools without causing too many logistical and travel problems. However, we now accept, following comments from colleagues, that some readjustment and reallocation needs quickly to take place.

If you have contacted me at County Hall, I have noted your point of concern and will be in touch again shortly. Roy Rendell and myself are looking at the complete allocation across the County and again are attempting some reallocation in specific instances where blocks already allocated will be difficult or even impossible to research. The Primary Support Team for Environmental Education will be pleased to answer queries as they visit schools, although please note that they have limited time, until next term, to answer all your queries. Please do contact me if you have immediate and further worries.

I hope you will shortly receive from the BBC your first pack of Domesday Project material and a close study of this indicates the kind and range of activity you will be required to undertake in conjunction with the Project next term. Roy and myself will issue a new updated list of block allocations very shortly. If this is the first communication you have received from the LEA regarding Domesday and yet you earlier stated desired involvement, then please make contact with me so that at this late stage you can be included.

May I continue to wish you well in your involvement in Domesday.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rose
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