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Dear Head Teacher

Broadband Developments

Hull City Council and Kingston communications completed discussions concerning broadband links for Learning Services in August of 2003. The technology for delivering broadband links and their implementation have changed. It is because of such changes that the implementation of broadband links has been delayed. However the benefit of the delay and use of newer technology effectively means that line bandwidth can be increased as required without further disruption in coming years and the total costs of the link installation, including rental is reduced.

New broadband schools now only need to contribute £4,000 this year with no line rental payments until 2006/07(2 free years). The existing broadband schools pay £2650 this year for their line rentals. For Internet SLA existing schools pay £4500, new schools £3300 this year with new broadband schools receiving additional standards fund allocation to meet additional cost of Internet SLA.

Journals will be done as part of the general SLA journals.

If you require any additional information on installations please contact Steve Marshall on 613270, and for configuration details Ian Alderson on 613795.

Many thanks for your assistance. I apologise for the delays in the installations which will now be completed fully by the end of this month. Please note schools not supported by the LEA will need to contact their support providers to undertake the configurations sent to schools in July of this year.

Yours sincerely,

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