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Vicky Elliott  
Brayton High School

Dear Vicky

**SPECTRUM Youth Group – Opening Night Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The Spectrum Youth Group is aimed at young people aged 14-25 who have special needs. These can be categorised as physical disabilities, emotional/learning disabilities, people on the autistic spectrum or simply young people who need a more supportive and inclusive social group.

We are a group of volunteer parents and professionals who are helping to fill the gap in opportunities for our young people with disabilities to develop friendships and reduce the social isolation that many experience.

From personal experience we believe there is a small army of young adults out there who spend a significant amount of their leisure time alone with few or no appropriate social opportunities.

Spectrum will be open to all young people who have a need. The aims of the club are:-

- **To create a safe and fun environment for young people, to enhance their lives**
- **To provide an environment for socialising with peers**
- **To promote opportunities for independence.**

With the assistance of North Yorkshire Youth, we have been lucky in securing a venue at the Manor Farm Youth Centre in Tadcaster. Tadcaster is centrally located for York, Selby and Wetherby localities, situated as it is alongside the A64 and just 2 miles from the A1M. The Manor Farm site is fully accessible with services located at ground level. Parking is available to the rear of the building. The centre has both indoor and outdoor facilities and the group will run every Monday evening.

**Our first goal is to reach as many young people locally who need this facility, and this is why we are writing to you.** We are asking that you spread the word among those you believe are eligible, and feed back to us with any questions and suggestions so that we can make this venture a success for our young people. I have attached a copy of our opening night leaflet. Please let us know if you would like some printed versions to hand out.

We will happily answer any queries that you or parents and carers might have. We are also happy to come along and meet you to discuss our group and get your input.

Please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Carstens or Barbara Bell (details below) if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman - Management Committee

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