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Dear Friends,

I am writing to officially invite your school to take part in a singing and signing extravaganza on **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 at 1pm.**

In the summer term of 2009 the whole school took part in a performance called Speakout! at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch about communication. The show incorporated live music, dancing, animation, circus activities, opera and of course singing and Makaton Signing along to 14 songs, created for the show.

Communication is at the heart of all learning at Corbets Tey School. We regularly use Makaton Signing throughout the school day to aid communication and improve language and literacy skills for children with communication and learning difficulties.

The success of the Speakout! project has lead staff and students to recognize that **every child should have the opportunity to Speakout on variety of issues, problems, concerns etc within their lives.** And this is where you come in. Help us to spread the message of SPEAKOUT and raise money for The Childs Voice Appeal, which aims to expand Childline and NSPCC help lines to ensure help is there for all children.

**“The hardest thing for an abused child is to speak out. Please help give them a voice.” NSPCC**

All you need to do is to perform our Speakout theme tune using voice and signing in your own school fields, playgrounds, halls or classrooms on the same day, at the same time as all other participating Havering schools. Our intention is to ask all pupils and staff taking part to make a voluntary donation.

Many schools in Havering and other boroughs have already expressed an interest in this project. A DVD demonstration of the signs to the song will be dispatched to your school upon registration and Corbets Tey School Pupils or Sanders Drapers School Signing Choir can also come to your school to give a demonstration if required.

We believe that having confidence, freedom and choice to Speakout about issues that matter is an important message to give to all children. We intend to try to generate interest from both the TV and press for this event.

If you would like to take part in this project, please complete the reply slip below and return to Sally Hart at Corbets Tey School or email the same details to Sally Hart at [shart@corbetstey.havering.sch.uk](mailto:shart@corbetstey.havering.sch.uk)

I would like to register our school's interest in the Speakout Havering Project on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

The main contact at our school for this project will be: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in arranging a demonstration of the signs and Speakout song at our school:

Please send me a DVD demonstration of the signs and Speakout song:



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