LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING & DASENHAM

## Education Department

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To: Heads of Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

My ref: CI ( SC/867/007 )

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Dear Head

re: Borough In-Service Training Course no:867/007
INTRODUCTION TO OPERATING & PROGRAMMING
THE BBC MICROCOMPUTER IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The next in-service training course for primary teachers wishing to acquire basic skills in the application of microcomputers to the curriculum will take place at the Westbury Centre beginning on Wednesday 23 APRIL 1986.

As before, the course will run for ten weeks, each weekly session running from 4.30 to 7 pm. There will of course be no session on Wednesday 23 May which is during Half-Term week and the course will and with the session of 2 July.

There are 16 places on this course and schools are asked to nominate ONE candidate on the return slip attached, together with the names of upto THREE further reserve candidates. Priority for places on this course will be given to the ONE nominated candidate from each school until Thursday 17 April. After that date, any reserved places not taken up by schools will be assigned to reserve candidates from those schools from which applications have been received.

The course tutor will be Mr A J Spain. The course content will cover the operation of the BBC Micro, including the new Master 128 Series machine that has now replaced the models B and Bt in production. The use of peripheral equipment such as the printer, disk-drive and the Turtle will be covered and there will be an introduction to word-processing and its applications to the primary curriculum.

Course members will also learn the elements of programming in LOGO and BASIC and will also sample a variety of types of software with the aim of devising lesson material and follow-up learning activities to exploit the potential offered by the software for the different areas of the primary curriculum. Applications should be made now on the attached return slip which should reach the Chief Inspector's office NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY 15 APRIL 1986.

Yours sincerely

J. G O R D O N
Chief Inspector of Schools