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Dear Members,

AGM and Annual Conference – 21st November 2009

I would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting and Conference on Saturday, 21st November 2009, which is to be held at the Holiday Inn Harrogate, West Yorkshire.

We have spent some time reviewing feedback from our members and have decided on an interactive workshop format for this year's event. Our aim is that you will go home after this day, armed with practical information and support that will assist you on a day to day basis. You will be warmly welcomed, whether an established member of the TSA or newly diagnosed.

We have chosen three topics (Autism and Behaviour, Monitoring TSC and Funding options for Adults who need support), that we hope will appeal to you, whether you have TSC or are a carer which will cover all age ranges. You will be able to choose 2 workshops to attend and there will be time for questions and answers. Our workshop leaders are experts in their fields and all have experience with TSC whether as a professional, as a parent or both! We have invited other related organisations to come and provide stands of information for you to look at and take home. Our Research Team will also update us all on the latest development in TSC research.

The mobile creche staff will help ensure that children and their parents/carers have a good day. Trained staff are experienced in special needs and put on a great programme of activities which is tailored accordingly. The mobile crèche company are happy for parents to contact them directly to answer any concerns on Tel 0800 4580 187 or www.mobilecreche.biz. The last date for booking a place in the crèche is **Friday 9th October 2009** and crèche booking forms can be obtained from Diane Sanson.

The venue is located in the heart of the fashionable spa town of Harrogate with lots of lovely shops as well as the famous Betty's tea rooms. There are a number of bedrooms for those wishing to stay overnight that have been set aside and the cost is for a double or twin room £100 per room, per night, which is for dinner, bed and breakfast. For a single room it is £80 per room, per night, dinner, bed and breakfast and for a family room for up to 4 people it is £125 per room, per night, dinner, bed and breakfast. You will need to book directly with the hotel, quoting the TSA arrangement. Please feel free to contact Diane Sanson in confidence, to discuss any special requirements or any difficulties with the conference venue, programme or cost. Unfortunately, due to the costs involved, we are unable to offer a private room with a disco on the Saturday evening, as we have done in recent previous years.

The sales tables of fund raising goods, all of the TSA literature and other specific items will be available. In addition, our super selection of Christmas cards will be on sale so get your orders together, save the postage and purchase on the day. Don't forget also, that the national raffle is drawn during the day – just time for you to buy extra tickets! And of course, there will be the opportunity to meet and chat with Staff and Trustees, to catch up with old friends and making new ones!

I look forward to meeting you,
Christine Naylor
TSA Honorary Chairman

Conference Cost - £15 per adult, children up to 15 years free.
(includes lunch, refreshment breaks and crèche facilities)