

# LA weekly eRed Bag mailing

## Week commencing 17 July 2017

This email is an official communication to schools from the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service.

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### For Action

#### Fire Safety – Advice for Schools

##### **Audience: all schools**

Following the recent fire tragedy at Grenfell Tower in Kensington, London, there is ongoing work being undertaken across the public sector to provide reassurance that fire mitigation arrangements in place are suitable. An explanatory letter from the [Corporate Director - CYPS can be found here](#).

##### **Cascade to:**

Headteachers, Chair of Governors and site managers

**Action required by end of term where possible.**

**Contact: Health & Safety Risk Management Service (E: [healthandsafety@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:healthandsafety@northyorks.gov.uk))**

<b>Children missing from education – reporting arrangements</b>	
<p><b>Audience: all schools</b></p> <p>As the Local Authority, under the regulations introduced in September 2016 we are required by law to monitor school leavers and ensure follow up actions are taken as necessary, especially when a destination school is not known. Additionally, all schools are similarly required to provide leaver's information to the Authority, including a weekly nil-return if there are no leavers.</p> <p>To reduce the administration overhead for both schools and the LA, the preferred method of transfer of this information is directly from the school's MIS, facilitated by software provided by GroupCall. The software takes the information about pupils from the MIS and provides it securely to the LA. The system is monitored for when information has been provided, meaning the statutory return, including the 'nil-return' can be provided without the need for manual intervention including the current paper based return system regarding in year leavers. The above system will be operational from September 2017.</p> <p>The electronic system represents a considerable time saving for both LA and schools. However, the above is fully dependent on the data about leavers being entered in the school MIS and the GroupCall software being installed and working. NYCC are happy to assist schools with both of these and provide technical assistance for installation as required; please contact Schools ICT on 01609 536086 (option 1) or email <a href="mailto:schoolsict@northyorks.gov.uk">schoolsict@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>Technical Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools (including Academies) who take a support contract from Schools ICT to maintain the school server, will already have GroupCall installed, maintained and supported by Schools ICT.</li> <li>• Those schools who have an external party or MAT maintaining the school's server and/or infrastructure will need to check with their provider that this software is installed and working on the server.</li> <li>• Academies and Secondary Schools will need to check with their ICT Co-ordinator or Network Manager that they have a working installation of GroupCall on their server.</li> <li>• For assistance, please contact Schools ICT using the details above.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cascade to:</b></p> <p>Headteachers, Governors, School Administrators and ICT Network Managers</p>
<p><b>Contact: Schools ICT (E: <a href="mailto:schoolsict@northyorks.gov.uk">schoolsict@northyorks.gov.uk</a>)</b></p>	

Information, updates and guidance	
<b>Chief Executive's key messages</b>	
<p><b>Audience: all schools</b></p> <p>This week's edition of the Chief Executive's and School's <a href="#">key messages for staff</a> is now available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>Cascade to:</b></p> <p>All staff</p>
<p><b>Contact: contacts for individual articles are contained within the key messages.</b></p>	

<b>Voice, Inclusion and Participation Newsletter</b>	
<b>Audience: all schools</b> The Voice, Influence and Participation (VIP) team have put together a <a href="#">newsletter detailing the activities and events</a> that different young people's participation groups are involved in across the county.	<b>Cascade to:</b> All staff and governors
<b>Contact: Kathy Peacock or Kevin Jeffrey</b> (E: <a href="mailto:kathy.peacock@northyorks.gov.uk">kathy.peacock@northyorks.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:kevin.jeffrey@northyorks.gov.uk">kevin.jeffrey@northyorks.gov.uk</a> )	

<b>New National Apprenticeship Arrangements – Guidance for Schools</b>	
<b>Audience: all schools</b> The new guidance for schools on the new National Apprenticeship arrangements <a href="#">can be found here</a>	<b>Cascade to:</b> Headteachers, Governors and Bursars
<b>Contact: Maggie Swinden</b> (E: <a href="mailto:maggie.swinden@northyorks.gov.uk">maggie.swinden@northyorks.gov.uk</a> )	

<b>Health &amp; Safety Alert – Bogus contractor advertising services for inspection of inflatable equipment</b>	
<b>Audience: all schools</b> The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) have been made aware that Peter Morrell is once again advertising his services for inspection and repair of inflatable play equipment. He is known to use a number of aliases including Mr Coltilda. <a href="#">A letter from Health &amp; Safety detailing the matter can be found here.</a>	<b>Cascade to:</b> Headteachers and site managers
<b>Contact: Robin Smith</b> (E: <a href="mailto:robin.smith@northyorks.gov.uk">robin.smith@northyorks.gov.uk</a> )	

## Events and publicity

<b>HMI Yorkshire and Humberside Ofsted briefings – Monday 18th September</b>	
<p><b>Audience: all schools</b></p> <p>We are delighted that Leeds will be hosting the HMI Ofsted briefings for governors and senior leaders. The sessions are on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 12 noon and repeated from 1pm to 3.30pm. Places are strictly limited to two per school/academy. The briefing session, which will be held at Leeds Civic Hall, can be booked on Leeds for Learning <a href="http://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Event/54648">http://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Event/54648</a> (morning session) and <a href="http://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Event/54776">http://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Event/54776</a> (afternoon session). In order to book onto the sessions, governors and headteachers will need to create an account which will ensure that no more than two people register from each school/academy. There is a small charge of £25 per person for the events.</p> <p><u><a href="#">For more information please see the event flyers</a></u></p>	<p><b>Cascade to:</b></p> <p>Headteachers, Governors and admin</p> <p><b>Deadline:</b></p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> September 2017</p>
<b>Contact: Kathryn Wilkinson:</b> (E: <a href="mailto:kathryn.wilkinson@leeds.gov.uk">kathryn.wilkinson@leeds.gov.uk</a> )	
<b>Hambleton Prevent – Notice, check and Share event</b>	
<p><b>Audience: all schools</b></p> <p>An opportunity to hear from the North Yorkshire Police Prevent Team, North Yorkshire’s Channel Panel Chair and the Safer Hambleton Hub about the “Notice, Check and Share” process that underpins our Prevent Duty. The Hambleton Event will take place on: 1st August 2017, 10am-1pm - Evolution Centre, Northallerton.</p> <p>More detail can be found here: <a href="http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/prevent-notice-check-share">http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/prevent-notice-check-share</a></p>	<p><b>Cascade to:</b></p> <p>Headteachers</p> <p><b>Deadline:</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> August 2017</p>
<b>Contact: James Parkes:</b> <a href="mailto:james.parkes@northyorks.gov.uk">james.parkes@northyorks.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Introduction to ‘Paws b’ meeting – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<p><b>Audience: all schools</b></p> <p>Paws b, the UKs leading Mindfulness Curriculum for children aged 7-11 years in schools, would like to invite Head Teachers and Senior Leaders to the meeting on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October to give further information about the Paws b curriculum and to discuss how to introduce Paws b into Primary Schools. More information is available on the national website at: <a href="http://www.mindfulnessinschools.org">www.mindfulnessinschools.org</a></p>	<p><b>Cascade to:</b></p> <p>Headteachers and senior leaders</p> <p><b>Deadline:</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</p>
<b>Contact: Amanda McGough:</b> (E: <a href="mailto:hello@amandamcgough.co.uk">hello@amandamcgough.co.uk</a> )	

<b>Ripon Poetry Festival Competition</b>	
<p><b>Audience: All Schools – with pupils local to Ripon and surrounding areas (Ripon, Harrogate, Bedale, Nidderdale, Lower Dales).</b></p> <p>After talking to local schools about the Ripon Poetry Festival competition we have decided to extend the deadline for entries from schools to 15 September. This will allow schools to collect entries written by pupils over the Summer.</p> <p><u>Please see the attached flyer.</u> Full information can be found at <a href="http://www.discoverripon.org/news/ripon-poetry-festival.html">www.discoverripon.org/news/ripon-poetry-festival.html</a></p>	<p><b>Cascade to:</b> Headteachers, Heads of Music and Bursars.</p> <p><b>Deadline:</b> For schools - 15 September 2017</p>
<p><b>Contact: Andy</b> (E: <a href="mailto:info@smokestack-books.co.uk">info@smokestack-books.co.uk</a>)</p>	

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