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Dear colleague,

Keeping Children Safe in Education

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding a number of developments which will impact on your school.

The North Yorkshire Sample School Child Protection Policy is presently being updated in light of the new statutory guidance for Keeping Children Safe in Education and Working Together to Safeguard Children. The document is expected to be available to schools in October 2018.

I can confirm that the next North Yorkshire School Safeguarding Audit will commence in late November 2018. **All schools, including maintained schools, academies, special schools and independent schools are required to complete this audit and submit their responses by Friday 29 March 2019.** Please note that only completed audit tools will be accepted and it will not meet the requirements of the audit to provide reports outlining safeguarding practice.

The new Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) Statutory Guidance places a more central role for schools, colleges and other educational providers, it states that:

Schools, colleges and other educational providers have a pivotal role to play in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. Their co-operation and buy-in to the new arrangements will be vital for success. All schools, colleges and other educational providers have duties in relation to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. The statutory guidance '[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)' should be read alongside this guidance.

The safeguarding partners should make arrangements to allow all schools (including multi academy trusts), colleges and other educational providers, in the local area to be fully engaged, involved and included in the new safeguarding arrangements. It is expected that local safeguarding partners will name schools, colleges and other educational providers as relevant agencies and will reach their own conclusions on how best locally to achieve the active engagement of individual institutions in a meaningful way

The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board are presently identifying options for what the new safeguarding partnership arrangements will look like, this will also include how schools will be involved moving forward. An Education Focus Group has been created to assist the Board and this group will have a significant role under the new arrangements. Schools taking part have agreed to be the local leads for their districts and will share information. We will provide more information regarding the new arrangements when these have been agreed.

Yours sincerely,

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