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To all schools/academies

Dear Colleagues

I hope that you all have had a great half term break, a good rest and managed to catch up with family and friends.

As promised, I am sending the papers for the two consultations which we discussed at the Headteacher meetings last half term.

The first paper is the **School Improvement Strategy**. This document some of you will have seen before but we are very keen to get it right and would welcome your comments and suggestions. The consultation is between the 6 November and 6 December 2018. Depending on the feedback received through the consultation, we are planning to implement the strategy or a revised version of it by the 1st February 2019. Your comments are needed to help us shape this strategy and are greatly appreciated.

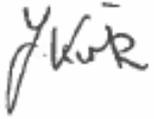
The second paper outlines the consultation on the meeting structures which were also discussed at the Headteacher meetings. We hope that this proposal builds on the great work of the Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Special School Improvement Partnerships, providing a vehicle to discuss and develop both locality and county wide issues in education. The paper considers the terms of reference, the rationale for the change and, proposes the meeting structure moving forward.

We would appreciate feedback on **both** these proposals and ask you to email me directly on Judith.kirk@northyorks.gov.uk or if you would prefer to have a conversation my number is 01609 532166.
The consultation will run from today, 6 November to 6 December 2018.

Finally, there are vacancies on the schools' forum for maintained primary school headteachers. As you may remember, this is the body who decides how funding is designated across the local authority. They are responsible for the high needs funding, early years, direct funding to schools and the central block to schools, which includes early help. Please let me know via the email and phone number if you are interested in joining the schools' forum.

May I thank you for your support in helping us to shape a service that is fit for the future. I hope that you have a great and productive rest of the term.

Best wishes



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