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Dear Colleague

Covid Winter Grant Programme

Firstly, thank you for supporting North Yorkshire County Council with the delivery of the Covid Winter Grant Programme over the Christmas holiday period. We have received many comments from yourselves as to how appreciative parents have been in receiving this support and the difference that it has made to them over the Christmas period. Your assistance has been invaluable in the delivery of this support to our most vulnerable families within North Yorkshire during these very difficult times.

We are currently working on the details of the next tranche of the support programme for the February 2021 and Easter 2021 school holiday periods. Further information will be released over the next few weeks in relation to these arrangements. We hope that, once again, you will be able to support the County Council with the delivery of the Covid Winter Grant Programme for these school holiday periods. Please let us know if you think you will have any difficulties in assisting us with the distribution of the support to vulnerable families in your area. Please notify us by Wednesday, 27th January 2021 by e-mail to: schoolsfinanceteam@northyorks.gov.uk

In respect of the February 2021 half term holiday, we will be seeking to ensure that the funding is paid to the schools, academies, early years’ providers and colleges supporting the County Council with the distribution of the Covid Winter Grant by early February. Given the current restrictions on pupil attendance at schools and colleges, colleagues may wish to consider whether they need to amend the process used to distribute the food vouchers, such as using supermarket e-vouchers which can be e-mailed or issued directly to parents.

Please can any outstanding Covid Winter Grant returns related to the Grant expenditure for the Christmas holiday period be submitted as soon as possible as they are required for the Local Authority overall grant return to the Department of Work & Pensions.

Once again, thank you for your support. We are very grateful for your assistance during these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you have any queries with regard to the delivery of the Covid Winter Grant Programme please e-mail your query to: schoolsfinanceteam@northyorks.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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