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To all Headteachers

Dear Colleague,

FIRE SAFETY – ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS

Apologies for sending this at this point of the term but I am sure you will appreciate the circumstances. 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. In particular with regard to schools I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that the risks from fire to pupils and staff are low. Nevertheless, on a precautionary basis, I am writing to request that you ensure that fire arrangements in your establishment remain robust. Can I therefore request that you confirm that you have the following arrangements in place for your school?

- Your school Fire Risk Assessment has been reviewed in the last 12 months.
- A fire drill has been undertaken in this academic year.
- Where installed, your fire alarm is tested on a weekly basis using a different call point and serviced on an annual basis.
- That any emergency lighting system is checked monthly and serviced annually.
- That your Fire Fighting Equipment is serviced at least annually.

Please ensure that any gaps in the above areas are addressed before the end of the summer term. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated. If you have any concerns or questions in relation to fire safety or need further support, please contact the Health and Safety Risk Management Service health&safety@northyorks.gov.uk or via the enquiry line 01609 53 2589. Many thanks for your assistance with this important stocktake.

Yours sincerely



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