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Dear Colleagues

As the summer holidays come upon us I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have achieved this year. The children and young people of North Yorkshire continue to benefit from the commitment and dedication of our Headteachers and the teams in schools in improving education outcomes for all.

As we move towards the end of the academic year we thought we would write to you to provide information about arrangements for the School Improvement Service for 2018-2019.

**All maintained schools and academies will continue to have a named School Improvement Adviser (SIA) or Lead Improvement Adviser (LIA) as first point of contact. We are in the process of re-allocating some schools as part of a wider re-organisation of our area teams and will confirm this with you by early September.**

As part of schools' on-going and evolving collaborative arrangements, many headteachers are developing systems, alongside our colleagues in the TSAs, of peer review; where this is the case, and where appropriate, Lead Advisers and SIAs will work closely with headteachers and governors to develop progressive arrangements that reflect this evolving picture. We will also continue to undertake a robust risk assessment process around our maintained schools and academies based on outcomes and contextual information and this will inform how we work with you across the academic year 2018/2019.

Judith Kirk, our Assistant Director, is meeting regularly with our key partner TSAs, headteachers, Principals, CEOs, trustees and governors to listen to their views – this is in addition to the recent PLN/SIN meetings. Many existing collaborations are well-developed and would welcome working with their adviser in a more progressive way.

We will take the above into account when planning the deployment of advisers and will, of course, respond to any queries you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your Area Lead Adviser or Secondary Lead Adviser (see below) if you have any queries.

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I know how dedicated and resilient headteachers in North Yorkshire are and it is always a privilege to work alongside you as colleagues. I hope that you have a really good summer and take a well-deserved rest (hopefully in the sunshine).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Lancashire". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Head of School Improvement