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For action

Closedown of accounts

Audience : All schools

Guidance on the procedures to be followed by schools during the closedown of the County Council's financial accounts for 2018-19 can be found here (

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFOIVs13egg&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIW6-0%2fc%2easpx>). Once

again, the timetable for the Closedown of the Accounts will be a challenge with the requirement to have prepared a draft set of accounts for 2018-19 by 31st May in order to have the accounts approved by July this year.

It is very important that all schools ensure that expenditure and income is allocated to the correct financial year and that the accounts are closed down after taking into account all relevant transactions.

Cascade to:

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

Action required by: See guidance for specific deadlines

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Consultation on North Yorkshire School Term Dates 2020-21

Audience : All schools

We are consulting on a draft calendar for the 2020/21 school year Your views are sought on school term dates. More information is available on the following links:

North Yorkshire Term Dates 2020-21 (Draft) (

https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFL9VuF_fg&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQEQR-0%2fc%2easpx)

Consultation Letter to Headteachers North Yorkshire Term Dates 2020-21 (

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFOoFuVmN8Q&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQEQR-0%2fc%2easpx>)

Cascade to:

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

Action required by: 28 February 2019

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Primary School debating competition - last call for entries

Audience : All Primary schools

For the last six years, North Yorkshire County Council has hosted a highly successful youth debating competition for Y5/6 pupils across the region. The competition begins at district level and culminates at the Council Chamber in County Hall where heat winners debate to become County Champions.

This is to remind you that the deadline for entries is Friday 22 February. Find out more here (

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UF0kHuVvbqw&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIW7-0%2fc%2easpx>).

Cascade to:

Headteachers

Action required by: 22 February 2019

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Schools Forum needs you!

Audience : All schools

Could you play a key strategic role in shaping the outcomes of children and young people in North Yorkshire? Do you want to contribute to discussion and proposed solutions on school funding, high needs and early years?

Following the decision to establish a North Yorkshire Learning Trust from September, the Schools Forum will have a key role to play in school funding – particularly around High Needs funding. The Schools Forum is a representative statutory group which advise the local authority on some key issues and are actually the decision-makers on some aspects of school funding. The group has helped to steer schools through the introduction of the ‘soft’ national funding formula. We now need to fill the vacancies on the Schools Forum representing schools across the county.

Details of the how you can apply are outlined in the link (

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFL0G4ArYqw&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIW8-0%2fc%2easpx>) as well as further detail on the appointments process.

Thank-you for taking the time to consider becoming a representative on the North Yorkshire Schools Forum; I appreciate how busy you are and the time commitment that we are asking for.

Cascade to:

Headteachers, Chairs of Governors

Action required by: 21 March 2019

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New DfE school complaints policy

Audience : All schools

The DfE have brought out a new school complaints policy with supporting material and guidance. The expectation is that all maintained schools will adopt this new policy and use the policy to investigate school complaints.

As a result of this, the Governance Unit have withdrawn the NYCC model policy and we are strongly recommending that all schools adopt the new DfE policies which can be downloaded at <https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFL0A4wrYqw&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIW9-0%2fc%2easpx> (<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFL0A4wrYqw&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIW9-0%2fc%2easpx>) Please note there are two policy documents which must both be adopted by the full governing board and made easily accessible on all school websites.

The Governance Unit offer regular training on how to handle school complaints. The next course is on March 8th at the Pavilions in Harrogate. This has been updated to cover the new policy. Please book on through the NYES booking system.

Cascade to:

Headteachers, Chairs of Governors

Action required by: as soon as possible

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Information, updates and guidance

Communication and Interaction Team Newsletter

Audience : all Schools

Read the latest edition of the Communication and Interaction Team Newsletter (<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFLkEsA2lrw&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIWA-0%2fc%2easpx>).

Cascade to:

Headteachers, teaching staff

Action required by:

Circulate as appropriate. .

Contact: not applicable

Chief Executive's Key Messages

Audience : all Schools

Read this week's messages from the Chief Executive here (

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFO4FtIncqg&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQEQY-0%2fc%2easpx>).

Cascade to:

Headteachers, Chairs of Governors, and staff

Action required by:

For information

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Events and publicity

Tour de Yorkshire Education Pack

Audience : All Schools

This year's Tour de Yorkshire Education pack aimed at school and community groups is now available to view and download via the letour website, please see below.

The competition is running again this year with the winners from each Key stage (KS1, KS2 and KS3/4) being given 4 tickets (2x adults and 2x children) for a VIP experience.

Please could you send this link

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFOhXtguKrQ&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQEQZ-0%2fc%2easpx> (<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFOhXtguKrQ&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQEQZ-0%2fc%2easpx>) to your school contacts and encourage as many groups to get involved?

Cascade to:

Headteachers and teaching staff

Contact: not applicable

Change4Life Sugar Swap Campaign - School Resources

Audience : All Primary Schools

Did you know that children in England are eating an extra 2,800 sugar cubes a year? That's more than double the recommended guidelines. With your help, we can change that.

Take your pupils on an adventure in 'Sugar Smart World' with the new Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 English and maths curriculum-linked resources to help them discover how much sugar is in their food and drink, and how they can make healthier sugar swaps.

The resources are flexible to use and include fun, interactive PowerPoints, pupil-led activities, and a video tailored for Reception, Key Stage 1 and upper and lower Key Stage 2 pupils.

Download the resources for FREE now by visiting:

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFOQDtQnVqg&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIWB-0%2fc%2easpx> (<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2863&d=g92Y3D7DPERPhms620thN2v3MajNqV2UFOQDtQnVqg&u=https%3a%2f%2fr1%2edmtrk%2enet%2ft%2f4BPJ-HUC0-2EF6J3-CQIWB-0%2fc%2easpx>) Look out for the new Sugar Smart World take-home packs that will be arriving in schools via courier

delivery from 14th to 31st January which include an activity booklet, poster and sticker sheet. Make sure you send them home with pupils so that the whole family can learn about healthier swaps.

Cascade to:
Headteachers and teaching staff

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