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Dear Headteacher/Chair of Governors/Management Committees/Proprietors,

Schools Safeguarding Audit 2018/2019

For a number of years North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) formally NYSCB has undertaken an audit of the safeguarding arrangements within schools. I am pleased to report that the number of schools which responded to the Safeguarding Audit 2018/2019 increased from 2016/17 and has shown that schools are engaged and committed to ensuring their safeguarding arrangements. The audit provided invaluable information to the NYSCP to help direct its strategies to keep children safe in North Yorkshire.

The results of the School Safeguarding Audit 2018/2019 have been finalised and I am pleased to share the thematic findings via a [7 Point Briefing](#). In addition to this briefing there is a detailed report and presentation also available [here](#). While the audit has identified some themes for the NYSCP to consider, schools across the county have good safeguarding arrangements in place.

Following on from the decision after 2016/17 to carry out a biennial School Safeguarding Audit, NYSCP has agreed to undertake the next audit of safeguarding arrangements in schools in 2020/21, where it is anticipated Keeping Children Safe in Education will be amended more substantially than it has done in 2019.

In light of this decision a revised audit tool will not be circulated for 2019/20 and schools are advised to continue to use the 2018/19 audit tool to monitor and improve their safeguarding arrangements; however there is no requirement to submit a return for 2019/20.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the audit and your commitment to help ensure the safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in North Yorkshire.

Yours faithfully,



James Parkes
Partnership Manager
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