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Dear Colleague

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/20

Please find enclosed a copy of the calendar of school term and holiday dates for 2019/20 which has been agreed by Executive Members on 31 March 2018. The calendar will also be published on the NYCC website. It applies to all community and voluntary controlled schools, including special schools, pupil referral units and maintained nursery schools in North Yorkshire. It is hoped that for consistency across North Yorkshire all schools will adopt the same dates.

The Consultation was sent to all headteachers, trade union and teacher association representatives and 26 local authorities across Yorkshire and the North East. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a response. Your comments informed the outcome of the consultation.

As in previous years, the Authority has set three of the five PD days available to schools. The purpose of setting three PD days is to achieve efficiencies by way of transport costs as well as maintaining some consistency for pupils and parents. We recognise that we are not able to direct schools regarding the timing of training days, but we hope that you will co-operate and ask that you adhere to the three training days identified on the agreed calendar. The responsibility for identifying the remaining two training days is delegated to the Governing Bodies of schools. It is important that the dates of the remaining training days are available for reference by colleagues in the Children and Young People's Service and therefore I should be grateful if you would let the Education Office in Harrogate have details of these as soon as they have been decided. Please note your returns should be forwarded to the school welfare team, email: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk or tel: 01609 533405.

I would also bring to your attention your responsibility in respect of the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999. The regulations are clear and schools must ensure that at least 380 sessions (190 days) are held during any school year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W Burchill', written in a cursive style.

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