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Dear Headteacher,

The council's Education Scrutiny Committee is currently carrying out a review of the Extended School's programme in York. The remit for the review is to contribute to the development of processes, aimed at ensuring accessibility and a high quality of extended school provision.

As you will be aware, part of establishing what extended services are offered, is identifying the needs of the local community. The Committee intend to explore in detail the quality, effectiveness and value for money of childcare and out of school activities currently available through schools and external providers, by carrying out a survey of existing service users.

The Committee also require your support in carrying out the review. It may be that you have previously consulted with parents about the services on offer through your extended school and if so, it would be very helpful if you could make available any feedback you received from this, together with a brief description of any changes made to your extended services as a result.

Finally, toward the end of the review, the Committee will hold an informal consultation session on Tuesday 24^{th} February from 6pm-7:30pm at the Guildhall, in St Helens Square. This session will include a presentation from Eddie Needham of the Training Development Agency (DfES), and will give the Committee, schools and external providers an opportunity to discuss the findings from the review.

You are cordially invited to attend the session and I would be pleased if you could confirm your attendance, and/or send any consultation feedback information you have to myself via the postal address above or by email to: melanie.carr@york.gov.uk, by no later than 30 January 2009.

Yours faithfully

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