What is the intention of the programme?

The programme is intended to raise awareness of how attachment difficulties can impact on the learning of misunderstood and misinterpreted children and young people and how to improve working practices and the support on offer to them.

These children and young people are at risk of exclusion from the very places that could give them the opportunity of second chance learning, according to Louise Bomber. These are children and young people within our schools are referred to as:

- At risk
- Vulnerable
- In need
- Looked after
- Adopted

One thing they all have in common is that they have all experienced significant relational traumas and losses. Based on the Attachment Lead Training Programme (led and taught by Louise Bomber, offered by Adoption Plus), the aims of the programme are:

- To raise awareness of how attachment difficulties affect learning and achievements
- To develop a better understanding on how traumatised children and young people make use of difficult behaviour to communicate
- To share worries, challenges, ideas and good practice
- To explore resources and supporting strategies.

Who is it for?

- Designated Teachers for Children who are Looked After by Milton Keynes Council.
- Supporting staff – TAs; Learning Mentors.

What does it involve?

Attendance at six workshops, one per month on the following dates:

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Where is it being held?

Milton Keynes Academy, Fulwood Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes MK6 5LA.

How will the programme be delivered?

Participants to attend one workshop per month in addition, formal input on attachment – related topic delivered by MM and NC (1 hour).

- Linking theories to practice – group work (30 mins).
- Sharing worries, challenges, ideas and good practice (30 mins).
- Exploring resources and strategies – Independent work (optional).
- 1:1 query times with MM/NC (optional).

What then after the programme?

Some possible next steps after the programme are:

- Follow up on further readings, research and investigation on attachment related topics.
- Putting theories into practise, consolidate on knowledge gained from the programme.
- Enrol on the Attachment Lead Awareness Programme offered by Adoption Plus.
- Continue sharing practice with colleagues from the programme.

Cost?

Free, supported by Virtual School, Milton Keynes Council.

How to apply?

Each school to be allocated two places maximum. Allocation of places would be on a first come, first served basis. To apply please send an email to: ssebusinesssupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk There are 30 places available.

Closing date: Tuesday 31 January 2017