

# MAKING CONNECTIONS



Supporting schools to become trauma-informed and attachment aware in their practice.

We evaluated the pilot year of the Making Connections project by reviewing whole-school data and project feedback forms.  
Here is what we found...

Across schools who achieved their ARC\* bronze award

OVERALL, SUSPENSIONS  
REDUCED BY  
**34%**



Across schools who achieved their ARC\* bronze award

OVERALL, ON-SITE  
REDIRECTIONS\*\* REDUCED BY  
**31%**

Across schools who achieved their ARC\* bronze award, most saw an

**INCREASE IN SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE**

The majority met the national aim of  
**95%**

\*\*On-site redirections involve removal from lessons  
e.g. time spent in an isolation room/reflection room



Based on responses from 15 schools who took part in the project...

**100% saw improved relationships between staff and students**  
**80% saw an improvement in student wellbeing**  
**67% saw an improved relationships between staff and families**  
**47% saw an improvement in safeguarding processes**  
**40% saw a reduction in behaviour incidents**  
**27% saw an improvement in staff wellbeing**

## SCHOOLS SAID...

"I think that the areas it covers, the detailed training offered and the networking with other education colleagues from across MK could be **transformational**."

"It has been an **extremely worthwhile** journey through which we have learned a great deal and **deepened our knowledge** and understanding of trauma and attachment".

"Our staff have developed a deeper understanding... This has enabled us to respond with **empathy, consistency, and care**, ensuring that **every child feels safe, seen, and supported**."

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