

Dear colleagues

I previously sent out some information about the research project which is being led by Trauma-Informed Schools UK. It is a great opportunity; schools in the intervention arm of the study will receive a training package worth around £12,000 and all schools will receive £500 as a 'thankyou' for completing a 10-minute online survey for staff and Yr8 pupils.

I have since contacted TISUK and they tell me that any secondary school wishing to join the project will be welcome, but you will have to move quickly! They say:

“Parental opt-out forms would need to be sent out a week before student surveys can be accessed and then Year 8 students and staff would need to complete a 10-minute online survey before the 8<sup>th</sup> January to be included in randomisation and progress into the delivery phase of the trial. We will do our best to support any schools that want to join the trial to do so as quickly as possible, but it will be tight.

The project will consider the efficacy of Trauma Informed Practice when it comes to reducing externalising behaviour in young people and improving the wellbeing of staff. It is open to mainstream secondary schools that have not had training from us (Trauma Informed Schools UK) but are ready to implement a trauma informed approach. Half the schools recruited to the trial will receive extensive, fully funded training over the next two academic years - our whole school training along with more in-depth 2-day senior lead and 11-day practitioner diploma training for around 6 staff per school in addition to network consultancy support, reflective supervision training for up to 2 members of staff and access to key webinars. All schools will receive a financial incentive for time spent taking part in surveys. There is more information, and a recording of one of our information briefings on the project page of our website: [Projects \(traumainformedschools.co.uk\)](https://traumainformedschools.co.uk)

To join the trial, schools would need to read and sign a Memorandum of Understanding outlining expectations; I have attached this document for your information. We would then get a survey link to them immediately and then inform them whether they are in the 'control' or the 'intervention' condition on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. Training would begin in the Spring term, but there will be multiple dates available for the different training elements.

Do let me know if there is anything else you would like from me before Friday and if you do find that you have Croydon schools that would like to be involved, then I'd appreciate it if you could put them in touch with me ASAP.

Many thanks,  
Rowan

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If anyone is interested, please contact Rowan directly, don't try to involve me, it will just add delays!

I will make a 5-minute slot available at the end of Friday's meeting (under AOB) to answer any questions, if I am able.

Please find attached a Memorandum of Understanding, which gives more information.

Best wishes

Nick White  
Independent Chair, CEP