**Connected Communities Champion**

**Application Form**

**October 2020**

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| **Name of school:** |
| **Names of lead person and second person:** |

It is the aim of Peterborough Virtual School that all schools will be attachment aware and trauma informed. The Connected Communities Project aims to empower schools to engage in whole school community culture change. This is achieved through a combination of attachment and trauma informed training underpinned by evidence-based approaches, psychological theory related to organisational change and the commitment of school staff. We are looking for creative and inspirational practitioners who are able to lead their school in this exciting change process. In order to apply for a place on Phase 3 of the project, please complete the two sections of this form below.

1. **Provide a brief overview of why your school should be a Connected Communities Champion:**

* **Highlight existing school strengths towards supporting children with attachment and trauma related needs.**
* **Demonstrate a vision of where you would like to be as a school in relation to the Connected Communities project.**

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1. **Action Research Idea**

The Connected Communities Project aims to support schools in using research to underpin change in one area of school development, related to attachment and trauma practice, through an action research project. Action research is a process which enables increased knowledge and improvement in practice to be achieved at the same time (Dick 2002, Watkins 2006).

Our existing Champions have researched such areas as Emotion Coaching, attachment training for staff, safe spaces, Emotional Literacy interventions and parent attachment training. We look forward to hearing about your idea for your school development.

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| **Proposed research topic:** |
| **Brief outline of intended research ideas:** |
| **Rationale for research:** |
| **Possible outcomes of the research for your school and the Local Authority:** |

Thank you for applying to be a Connected Communities Champion beginning in January 2021. We will consider your application and provide you with the result of your submission in December 2020.