

20th April 2021

Dear parent(s) / carer(s)

Re: Reconnect Programme

I hope this email finds you well.

The last year has been extremely difficult for our children and young people. Every aspect of their lives has been affected, from their learning and wellbeing to their friendships. These effects have been significant, and it is recognised nationally and internationally that children and young people have sacrificed more than most over the course of the pandemic.

I am delighted to write to you about an exciting programme that is being developed. Kent County Council (KCC) is leading a community-based programme of positive, engaging and exciting opportunities and activities that help the County's children and young people reconnect with different aspects of their lives, such as education, healthy activities, friends and future opportunities.

The idea behind Reconnect comes from young people in Kent, who told KCC they would prefer a positive programme focusing on opportunities rather than emphasising the 'damage' that may have been done to them or their futures by the pandemic. The ambition is that every child and young person will be able to engage with the type of activity that will benefit them the most since everyone will have different needs and desires after the pandemic.

To ensure the programme meets the needs and wants of children, young people and their families, Kent County Council is asking as many people as possible to answer some questions that will inform the design of the programme. I would encourage you to fill in [this form](#). *This is an online form, click on [this form](#) and use Control and enter/return button to take you directly to the form or copy and paste https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DaJTMiXH_kuotz5qs39fkJRDrKCS7QBOhAIGBFq_nhIVURE9ORIZKMzNBVTILSVA4RkJZNEJIOEJQQy4u into the internet search bar. It will take you about 10 minutes to complete. Your input will help Kent County Council understand what the wants and needs are of the children, young people and families of the County. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.*

If you want to know more about the Reconnect programme, information and a short introductory video can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/reconnect. The site also enables you to register to be kept informed of the latest news, or to register an interest in being involved.

Yours faithfully



Jill Palmer
Principal