

# The Connection Kit

## Connection First – Everything Else Follows



### FOR SCHOOLS

## WHAT IS THE CONNECTION KIT?

**Understand how they communicate.**

**Understand how they participate.**

**Know what to do next.**

The Connection Kit is a practical framework that helps schools, Alternative Provision and youth settings understand how children and young people engage, communicate and respond to the world around them.

By combining staff insight, young person voice and profile mapping, the framework helps settings move beyond assumptions and build a clearer picture of what may be supporting or preventing participation.

Rather than focusing solely on behaviour, The Connection Kit helps adults understand the patterns beneath it – creating more effective routes into learning, activities, relationships and support.

## HOW IT WORKS

### Connection Mapping

Staff use our app to complete a simple profile questionnaire for each child or young person.

### Young Person Voice

Children and young people score and share their experiences through their own accessible app.

### Setting Review

Staff identify strengths, challenges and areas for development.

### Analysis & Reporting

The information is combined into clear baseline, midpoint and end-point reports.

### The Pathway

For settings choosing the Pathway option, findings are translated into practical recommendations that improve participation and engagement.

**The goal is not to change the activity.**

**The goal is to create more ways into it.**

## WHY IT WORKS

When children feel understood, participation becomes easier.

The Connection Kit helps adults recognise patterns, respond with greater confidence and create environments where more children can access learning, relationships and support.

This is not a behaviour tool.

It is a connection tool.

# FOR SENCOs & SCHOOL LEADERS



## **Clearer insight. Better planning. Stronger evidence.**

The Connection Kit supports the graduated response by helping schools move from observation to understanding, and from understanding to action.

### **It brings together:**

- staff observation
- young person voice
- profile mapping
- setting review

to create a clearer picture of participation, engagement and need.

### **Schools receive:**

- baseline report
- midpoint review
- end-point report
- cohort analysis
- practical recommendations

This helps schools identify what may be supporting or preventing participation, plan support more effectively, and review impact over time.

The Connection Kit does not replace specialist assessment, intervention or SEND processes. It strengthens the everyday understanding around them.

## **INSPECTION & ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Connection Kit is not a statutory programme and is not endorsed by Ofsted.

However, it has been designed to sit alongside:

- the SEND Code of Practice
- the graduated response
- needs-led provision
- evidence-informed practice

It supports schools in demonstrating thoughtful, responsive and reviewed support centred on the needs of children and young people.