

Reach2Teach Action for Inclusion Tool – Promoting the Education of Children with a Social Worker

As part of our pledge to promote the education of children with a social worker (CWSW), Croydon schools have the opportunity to utilise the Reach2Teach Action for Inclusion Tool (AfIT).

What is the AfIT and how can it support CWSW?

Over the last 16 years, Worth Publishing has been proud to work with some of the leading educators specialising in attachment aware, trauma informed practice in school with children who've had the hardest starts in life. In 2020-2021, Worth Publishing's online division, **CourseWeDo** (<https://www.coursewedo.com/>) collaborated with local Croydon charity the Croydon Drop-In on an NHS funded project to help school staff upskill through the use of **Reach2Teach AFIT** (<https://www.reach2teach.net/>), amongst other resources, drawing on the Attachment Aware Schools Collection[®] of books and APPs as well.

Reach2Teach AFIT gives schools access to ways of reflecting on what challenging behaviour might be communicating about a pupil's learning and relational needs, and offers a huge range of helpful strategies to support them to settle to learn, thus helping prevent exclusions. AFIT also helps staff to evidence what they've been doing which has helped make a difference, and to communicate with the other adults in the Team Around the Child, all safely within GDPR and consistent with OFSTED requirements. AFIT allows outside professionals such as educational psychologists or social workers to come alongside the school pastoral staff by contributing their expertise within the online tool. The Virtual School is currently funding AFIT in Croydon schools through PEPs, who are all seeing genuine benefit from its use.

Schools can apply for a limited number of licences for their most vulnerable pupils (CWSW status (including Ever6 marker) poor attendance, risk of exclusion, difficulty accessing their learning) and the key staff who support them. This will be for a year and will come at no cost to the school.

A brief video explaining the software can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/5fYRU59sbj0>

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Emma Blackman emma.blackman@croydon.gov.uk with the names and email addresses of the staff members you wish to be a part of this.