# Teaching and Learning

# Trauma-informed teaching strategies



# Improving well-being, behaviour and attainment

- Understand the prevalence, and behavioural impact of, traumatic stress on teaching and learning
- Adopt trauma-informed teaching strategies to:
  - increase attainment
  - increase attendance
  - reduce suspensions
  - reduce significant behaviour incidents
- Develop small changes that can have a big effect on the positive development of all pupils you teach

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Abigail began her career as a teacher and currently practices as a psychotherapist and trainer, specialising in psychological trauma and its impact on the body and brain. She has delivered specialist training to police, teachers, social workers, therapists, and crisis workers.

#### What is 'trauma-informed' teaching?

- An introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), e.g. abuse, neglect, divorce
- · The impact of ACEs on the brain and learning
- How trauma-informed, attachment-based approaches support the new mental health agenda

### Integrating trauma-informed strategies into daily routines:

Recognise and minimise emotional triggers Better manage dysregulated behaviour of children in class Reinforce positive behaviour strategies for classroom management

#### A trauma-informed toolkit for daily practice

- Specific strategies to support staff with challenging children
- Skills to support a child whilst a referral happens
- Techniques for de-escalation and mindfulness
- Emotion coaching

# Outcomes of the day:

- Reduce the impact of pre-existing trauma on learning
- Combat problematic behaviours disrupting a child's ability to learn
- Improve emotional well-being and resilience

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