



**Kent Children  
and Young People**

To Kent Primary and Secondary Headteachers

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Dear Colleague

### **Back by popular demand – Reconnect Hackathon 2**

Our [first Reconnect Hackathon event](#) was so well received that we have decided to run another.

*Join us at our next **Reconnect Hackathon** to unlock the potential of children and young people across the county to come up with ways to improve health, wellbeing and ability to engage with learning within their school communities.*

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Ashford International Hotel, Simone Weil Avenue, Ashford, TN24 8UX**

### **What is a hackathon?**

The main goal of a hackathon is to find an effective solution to a problem. It is an event that brings interested parties together to collaboratively problem solve in a competitive environment. All teams will be led through a series of activities to address the challenge set. Activities will be punctuated by interesting speakers to broaden perspectives and supply additional information.

A prize pot of £12,000 will be divided between the best project ideas so they can be delivered in schools and communities. Projects must be delivered in the next academic year.

Throughout the day, there will be opportunities to network, test initial concepts with the professionals in the room, and share ideas between schools.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided!

## How to register interest?

Please complete this [online form](#) to register your interest in this event. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

You will be emailed confirmation of your place or notification that you are on the waiting list.

Once your place is confirmed we will ask you to complete a Team Summary Sheet, detailing the teachers/accompanying adults in your team (max. 2) and the students participating in the challenge (max. 5). The event will be photographed and/or recorded so we will require image consent forms to be completed and returned in advance for everyone attending.


The minimum age of students participating in the event should be Year 5. Teams may comprise a mix of student ages, and/or a mix of schools.

Deadline for registering interest is **5pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

## Any questions?

If you have any questions, please contact [reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk) or call a member of the Programme Team on **03000 423423**.

Yours sincerely



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