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Re: RFHCS LinkEd Up Programme 2022/23

Dear School Leaders,

'LinkEd Up' is a programme delivered to students struggling with Emotionally Based School Avoidance and ideally targets young people in Years 7-9. It consists of an initial 2-week online re-engagement programme for students and a term of follow up support for students, parents and schools. The online programme is run by the RFHCS staff and specialist subject teachers in Music, Drama Therapy and Art.

The programme has been designed alongside Camden Educational Psychology Service. During the two-week programme, an Educational Psychologist will support students directly to think about their feelings towards school and help them form a plan to return to school successfully.

Following the programme, the EP and Royal Free liaison teacher will offer a package of support in 'follow up' working with parents/carers and home-school to plan for the students' transition back to school.

Please have a look at the SLA we are offering. LinkEd Up will run again in the second half of Autumn term 2022. There are 10 places on each cycle of the programme.

I would like to invite anyone interested in making a referral to join an initial virtual meeting where I will be giving more details of the programme timeline, referral process, and follow up with families and schools. I will also be able to answer any questions that you may have in regards to 'LinkEd Up.'

If you would like to join this meeting please email jemma.michelson@royalfree.camden.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

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