



## Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity Schools (PINS)

**\*Email expression of interest by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 please\***

Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is a national programme funded by the Shared Outcomes Fund and delivered between the Department for Education (DfE), NHS England (NHSE) and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC).

This new initiative is being offered free to schools to foster better outcomes for neuro diverse children in primary schools across Milton Keynes.

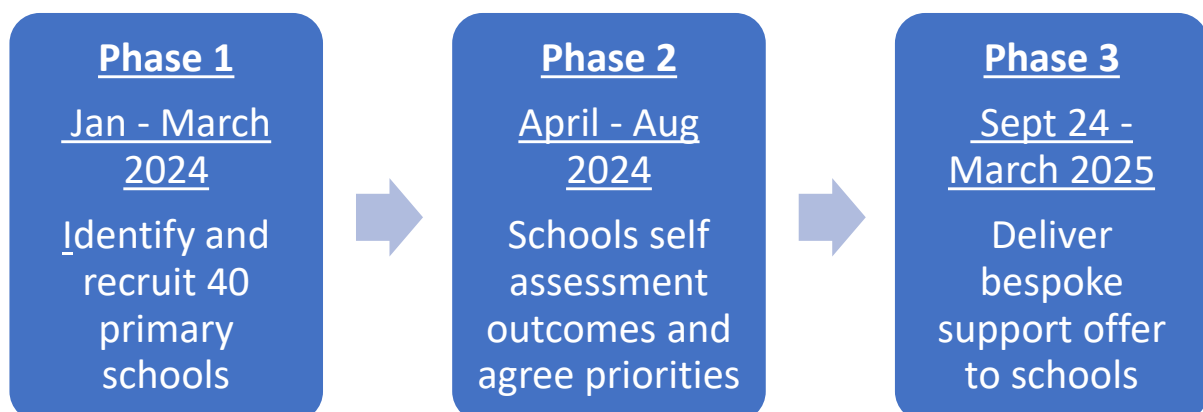
**Your local Parent Carer Forum (PACA MK) would like to invite 40 primary schools in Milton Keynes City to be part of the PINS Project.**

PINS works with the aim of bringing health and education specialists and expert parent carers into mainstream primary settings to:

- help shape whole school SEND provision
- provide early interventions at a school level
- upskill school staff
- support and strengthen partnerships between schools and parent carers
- support and strengthen partnerships between PCFS and ICBs

*What is the timeline for the PINS programme?*

The programme is running from **January 2024 - March 2025** and comprises of 3 key phases.





*What will schools need to do as part of the PINS project?*

- Schools will need to complete a self-assessment tool.
- The self-assessment tool will be used in combination with a 'menu of support'. The purpose of the menu is to support schools and local partnerships in identifying the most appropriate evidence-informed support for the setting.
- Following completion of the self-assessment, each school will receive up to 5 days' worth of support which will need to be completed by March 2025.

*What are the programme aims?*

The aim is that the programme will leave a sustainable impact, building a legacy of closer collaboration between schools, parent carers, education and health. This project will be co-delivered with health and education colleagues in the local area. It has the opportunity to draw on specialist knowledge and skills from across our local area to deliver whole school approaches that support the needs of neuro diverse children and offer environments for children to thrive.

This is an exciting opportunity for the local area that we hope your school will be excited to be a part of.

If you and your school would like the opportunity to join this project please simply email your school and contact details by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024** to [blmkicb.cypm@nhs.net](mailto:blmkicb.cypm@nhs.net)

If you have any questions, please do contact Beccy White [beccy.white1@nhs.net](mailto:beccy.white1@nhs.net) or Sally Donnelly, PINS programme manager - [sally.donnelly@nhs.net](mailto:sally.donnelly@nhs.net) / 07771576071 (note Sally is on leave until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March).

**Thank you.**

