

Circle of Friends



The Inclusion Facilitation Service offer a supportive approach to provide schools with skills and a framework to set up and maintain a Circle of Friends.



For children and young people who may be experiencing difficulties because of a disability, personal crisis, or because of their behaviour towards others.

It provides schools with a child-friendly structure for problem solving and support. That increases friendship opportunities, helping individuals to belong, and reducing behaviour difficulties.

Pupils will feel valued and involved in the support of others.

Circle of Friends focuses on the importance of inclusion, taking a wider look at the relationships in a person's life, and placing emphasis on developing greater empathy, self-awareness, and social-interactional skills amongst the peer group. Our offer is:

- An online session, led by Inclusion Facilitators, for key adults/staff to gain knowledge and understanding of the evidence-based approach.
- Where required, process and graphic facilitation of a whole-class session, as well as the initial Circle of Friends' session. With guidance on next steps.
- Where applicable, a review visit for both the key adults and the 'Circle' group to reflect and consider what is working well and planning next steps.
- Signposting to helpful resources.

