Inclusion Ambassadors

If I was Headteacher for the day

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The Inclusion Ambassadors are a group of children and young people from across Scotland with a range of additional support needs. We work with the group to discuss issues that affect them and ensure their views are heard in decision making about education.

The group have developed a new set of interactive cards sharing what they would do if they were Headteacher for a day.

These notes are to help you make the best use of these resources.

Where did these resources come from?

These resources are a direct result of what the Inclusion Abassadors have been sharing with us about their experiences with education.

Over a number of sessions, we worked with the Inclusion Ambassadors to explore some of the things they would do if they were the Headteacher for a day.

We discussed topics that are important to the group across three main subject areas:

- Language
- Exams and Assessments
- Treating people with respect

Who are these resources for?

These resources are primarily for school leaders, as well as anyone working in an educational setting to support children and young people with additional support needs.

The Inclusion Ambassadors wanted to share them with school leaders so that they know what is important to young people. As a result, we developed these simple cards to help you think about what you might do in your own practice.

The group also wanted you to have a space to think about the with pupils in your own school or learning environment.

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How to use these resources

There are a number of ways you could use these resources:

- **Share** them across senior leadership in your school to ensure they are aware of them.
- **Print them off and ensure that they are visible** within the school, particularly within the SMT offices.
- **Engage with children and young people** in your school to see what they think

You could use the 3 cards provided and see if they agree with what the Inclusion Ambassadors have said. You might want to discuss what they have said in more detail and think about what it means in your school.

You can add additional information from children and young people in your school to the bottom of the cards in the 'What Else' section.

You could also identify new areas that are really important to pupils in your school or learning environment – they will have their own priorities. This could be part of a wider school engagement programme to understand the views of pupils.

Getting in touch

For more information on how best to use these resources, please contact Parisa Shirazi, pshirazi@childreninscotland.org.uk

We would also love to hear from you if you use these in your school. Please do send us an update or photos of the resource in action.