**MARKET ENGAGEMENT.**

Oxfordshire County Council is joining the South West and South Central Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools (INMS) DPS and would like to ensure all INMS that currently work with OCC are engaged and join the framework where possible. Once joined, this DPS will become the main route through which all placements are done.

As such, Oxfordshire County Council will be organising a series of market engagements events between the 27 July and 30 September 2021.

The series of events will serve as a channel to communicate OCCs needs or requirements to suppliers and to discuss about the South-West and South-Central INMS DPS Oxfordshire County Council has joined and from which all placements will be called-off.

To develop our understanding of the structure and capacity available in the local market to meet our requirements.

* The market engagement will also give providers the opportunity to highlight any possible effects of the proposed DPS on the existing market, or to flag issues with a proposed contract/specification so that you can respond appropriately.
* Give providers a better understanding of what we are trying to achieve; this will ultimately help them to meet our needs when it comes to bidding.
* Support providers to join the DPS and guide them on how to join the DPS.
* Help build good relationships with providers, which is key to effective delivery in the long term.

If you are interested, please complete the following table, and send to us via the portal. We will be organising a series of events via Teams.

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| **Name of the organisation** | **Contact including email and Address including.** | **Closest school to Oxfordshire** | **Do you already have Oxfordshire students? How many?** | **Main contact, name position and contact details, including email** | **Type of needs your organisation can meet and capacity. (number of places available)** |
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