

Will I meet with the educational psychologist?

It depends on the situation. Sometimes our work with the school will be followed by a joint meeting between you and teaching staff, either soon after a visit or some time later. It is helpful to allow some time to see if the plan works out before we review. If you wish to meet with the EP at an earlier stage, or if there are matters you wish to discuss with the EP outside the joint meeting, you can arrange this through your school or you can contact us directly.

You will receive a summary of all our meetings and any individual work involving your child from the EP.



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Information for Parents and Carers



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What is an educational psychologist?

Educational Psychologists, (EPs) are employed by Local Authorities to use their skills and knowledge and experience when working with parents / carers, schools and other professionals to promote children's learning and development.

All EPs in Newport are qualified and registered with the Health and Care Professions Council. We will work to promote the holistic development of your child through consultation. This may also include assessment, intervention planning, staff training, attendance at panels, research and project work.

What do educational psychologists do?

Every EP is different so what we do may vary, but usually we work with the school first. This might involve observing your child in class or at play, discussing concerns with key members of staff, looking at your child's work and talking about plans that are already in place. Sometimes an EP will talk with your child in a quiet area to get their views or work via assessment. The EP and key members of staff will come up with a plan of action designed to help your child in school. A record of the discussions and agreed actions will be sent to you to keep you informed. If you have any questions then please contact school ALNCo or the EP directly.



How long will the EP be involved?

Depending on progress, there may be further review meetings, some of which will involve the EP. School staff will continue to work closely with you but there may become a point at which our involvement is no longer necessary. This does not mean that the EP will not become involved again at a later date, should fresh concerns arise.

Parents/Carers' consent

Educational psychologists require parental consent before discussing or meeting with a child or young person, unless the young person is old enough to give their own consent and indicates that they wish the interviews to be confidential.

