

Information for parents and carers

The Educational Psychology Service

Educational Psychologists (EPs) are part of the Educational Psychology Service (EPS) and work with parents/carers, education settings and other agencies. They work mainly in schools, helping to find solutions to improve the learning and social/emotional development of children/ young people.

Before qualifying, EPs have had previous experience of working with children/ young people in a range of educational or community settings. EPs have a degree in Psychology, a post graduate training qualification and are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

What do Educational Psychologist do?

EPs understand how children/young people learn and why they can experience problems with learning, relationships and emotions. They work with children/young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) or who are very vulnerable.

EPs are most effective when working directly with the adults who are involved with a child/young person. They can also work directly – carrying out observations, meetings with the child/young person to explore their view, and they may also carry out individual assessments.

EPs aim to support parents, carers and staff working with children/young people in understanding their needs more clearly and planning the best way to help them make progress in education.

What to do if you are concerned about your child:

If you have a worry about your child's education, the first step is to discuss this with someone in your child's education setting. This can be the class, nursery teacher, early years practitioner or the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). They will then discuss with you whether involvement by an EP might be helpful.

Every school and early years setting has an EP that they can contact. Staff will always ask for your written permission before an EP becomes involved with your child.

How do I contact an Educational Psychologist?

Parents/carers can contact the Educational Psychology Service directly for advice and information. If we are not the best people to help you we will signpost you to the right Service. Details of how to contact us are below:

Educational Psychology Service
County Hall
Beverley
HU17 9BA

Tel: (01482) 394000 (option 4 then option 2)

Email: eps@eastriding.gov.uk

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