

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Information for Parents and Carers



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Educational Psychologists (EPs) are part of the Educational Psychology Service (EPS) and work with parents/carers, education settings and other agencies. EPs work mainly in education settings, helping to find solutions to improve the learning and social, emotional development of children and young people. Before qualifying, EPs have had previous experience of working with children and 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 (HCPC).



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WHAT DO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS DO?

EPs understand how children and young people learn and why they can experience difficulties with learning, relationships and emotions. They work with children and 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 or young person. They can also work directly – carrying out observations, meetings with the child or young person to explore their views and they may also carry out individual assessments. EPs aim to support parents, carers and staff working with children and young people in understanding their needs more clearly and planning the best way to help them make progress in education.

EPs support educational settings in a graduated approach to meeting a child or young person's needs. Some children and young people have severe or complex needs and require more help than the setting can provide using the resources available to them. EPs are involved in Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessments and provide psychological advice to the Local Authority as part of this process and involve parents, carers and the child or young person.



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 in the East Riding 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
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☎ (01482) 394000 (option 4 then option 2)
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