

You have a right to say what you think and be listened to when the decisions are made in school.

EPs aim to treat everyone fairly whatever their age, gender or background.

Further information about the Educational Psychology Service

The EPS offers open access to professionals, parents and young people

There are 2 teams of EPs in Buckinghamshire; one team works in Aylesbury the other in Amersham. You can contact them using the details below:

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Services for Children and Young People in Buckinghamshire



WHAT IS AN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (EP)?

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Service**



What is an EP?

- Psychology is about how all people think, feel, learn and behave.
- EPs are employed by the County Council to help schools and parents promote the education and well-being of children and young people.

Who do EPs work with?

- Each school has a link EP.
- EPs also visit Pupil Referral Units and other educational provisions.
- EPs work with individuals, small groups, parents/carers, teachers and other adults.
- Before an EP works with you we will have obtained your parents'/carers' consent.
- If you are considered 'Fraser competent' you may refer yourself. If you would like to do this the EP will discuss this with you further.
- If you do not want to work with the EP you should say so and your views will be respected.

What do EPs do?

- Our aim is to help schools, teachers and others to improve the learning of young people and their experiences in school.
- We offer a consultation service to schools, young people, parents/carers and other professionals.
- When we work with individual young people, we ask their views and aim to involve them in decision making.

Why am I seeing an EP?

- Because your school, parent/carer or another professional has asked an EP to help them.
- You may have requested to see an EP.
- We can discuss the reasons further when we meet.
- You will normally see the EP in your school.

What will happen when I see an EP?

- The EP may come into your class to see a lesson.
- When the EP sees you individually you will be asked for your views on school and your learning.
- The EP will ask for your views on what would be helpful for you.
- After you have seen the EP, the EP will contribute to an action plan. This may involve your teachers and parents/carers as well as yourself.

Confidentiality

Our service is confidential. This means that we do not pass on information to others without your permission, except where you or another person is at risk of being harmed or abused, when it is our duty to inform the relevant authorities. In this case the EP will discuss this with you.