**Educational Psychology Assessment:**

**Information for Parents/ Carers and School Staff**

**Who are Educational Psychologists (EPs)?**

Educational Psychologists use their knowledge of child development and psychological frameworks to improve the learning and wellbeing of all children. They can work in numerous ways and in various contexts, please see [edpsy.org.uk](https://edpsy.org.uk/about/educational-psychology/) for further details of who an EP is and what they can do.

EPs are registered to practice with [The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/) meaning that they need to adhere to [standards of conduct, proficiency and continuing professional development](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/standards/) and practice in line with the [British Psychological Society Code of Ethics and Conduct](https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-code-ethics-and-conduct).

**What is an Educational Psychology Assessment?**

Individual Assessments can include:

Observation of the child/young person in context

Consultation with parents/ carers and key members of school staff

Individual Work to clarify areas of strengths and areas needing further support

Discussion with the child/ young person to elicit their views on their current situation and their aspirations for the future

**Areas that might be covered in the assessment include:**

* Ensuring the child’s access to education
* Supporting language and communication skills
* Supporting the development of the child’s cognition and learning
* Supporting the child’s social, emotional and mental health needs, for example self-esteem, anxiety, friendships, social inclusion and overall wellbeing
* Supporting physical and sensory needs

**How Much Does an Educational Psychology Assessment Cost?**

£1200, this includes an observation, consultation, gathering the child’s views, individual work and an in-depth report.

**How do I book an Educational Psychology Assessment?**

Assessments will take place on Mondays or Tuesdays during term-time. They can be held face to face (dependent on distance, travel costs may apply).

Please complete the initial request for involvement form: <https://forms.office.com/r/9t39jdQDzb>

Once I have received the completed request for involvement form and accepted the request, I will contact you to make the appointment. I will also offer a free 15-30 minute appointment via Microsoft Teams prior to the assessment to clarify expectations and costs and to agree the work to be undertaken.

**Some key points to be aware of:**

Assessments:

* Assessments will take place on a Monday or Tuesday during term time.
* If your child lives in Surrey or attends a Surrey County Council maintained school, I will not be able to work with you. This is due to a conflict of interest as I work as an Educational Psychologist for Surrey County Council. Alternative Educational Psychologists can be found on the BPS or HCPC websites.
* By completing the request for involvement and signing the statement of works, you are giving consent for the child / young person to be discussed.
* Data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Policy / Privacy Policy published on the website.
* The Educational Psychologist will complete a report following the assessment.
* You will be asked to complete an evaluation after the assessment so that feedback can be used to continually improve the service provided. This will not contain identifiable information relating to you, your school or your child but may be used for research, training or marketing.
* Please be aware that I do not diagnose conditions such as Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), dyspraxia or dyslexia as these are medical diagnoses made by paediatricians, clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, dyslexia specialists or multidisciplinary teams.
* Please also note that I do notname or recommend specific provisions or types of provision and do not provide reports specifically written for tribunals or offer expert or professional witness work.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you.