



Quick Guide to

The Educational Psychology Service

Who are the Educational Psychology Service?

We are a team of Psychologists and trainee Psychologists who have all completed specific training to enable us to use the protected title of Educational Psychologist (EP). We are registered as practitioner psychologists with the Health and Care Professions Council. We also have trainee Educational Psychologists working with us who are completing their doctoral training and are supervised by qualified EPs.

What do Educational Psychologists do?

As Educational Psychologists we apply psychology creatively in educational settings to help to find ways forward in difficult situations. Our role is to promote the well-being and progress of children and young people aged 0-25.

To achieve this we;

- consult with adults in educational settings to support individual and groups of CYP
- carry out a range of activities to assess the needs of children and young people
- work with children and young people individually to gather their views
- gather the views of parents
- provide training to schools, parents and other professionals
- use our research skills to undertake project work in schools
- undertake therapeutic work with CYP (CBT, solution-focused approaches etc.)
- use our psychological knowledge and research skills to contribute to strategic developments within the local authority

What does the Educational Psychology Service in Walsall Provide?

1. **Statutory** - We provide psychological advice to the local authority as part of Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments
2. **Traded Offer** - We offer traded sessions to all nurseries, schools and colleges in Walsall. Our model of service delivery is through consultation, we agree priorities for our involvement through termly planning meetings with school SENCOs. This could be individual or group casework, training or project work.
3. **Core offer** - We support children and young people with EHCPs who do not have a school place or who are attending out of borough placements who are raised with us via the EHC team. We offer half termly "support and share" sessions to all school SENCOs, as a forum for group problem solving. We apply our research skills to contribute to service and local authority developments. We work alongside the Early Years SEND team to provide support to early years settings through the early years forum.

For more information:

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