Support provided to schools, settings and other agencies

Educational Psychologists work in different ways to give support to schools, professionals and parents. They use psychological approaches, evidence based practice, research and therapeutic interventions in their day to day work.

They provide consultation and advice to nurseries, schools and colleges

They use different approaches to help adults plan for success with children and young people

They facilitate problem solving through Solution Focused methods

They deliver training to staff

They also

Assess the needs of children and young people

Sometimes work with children and young people individually

Facilitate Person Centred planning

Support schools with group work for children and young people

Undertake research and project work to make sure that we are giving the best help to children and young people in North Lincolnshire.

Have drop in sessions for parents

Contact details

You can ask your school to arrange a meeting with the Educational Psychologist.

The Educational Psychology Team can be contacted at nledpsychology@northlincs.gov.uk
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All Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professional Council.

North Lincolnshire Educational Psychology Service supports the training of new Educational Psychologists.

Safe, Well, Prosperous, Connected
Our purpose

Educational Psychologists specialise in how children and young people develop. They work with children and young people 0-25.

Many of the children and young people the Educational Psychologists work with have a special need or disability, many have a syndrome or disorder but some do not. Some children have a social, emotional or mental health need, feel very anxious, lack confidence, have difficulties attending school or have difficulties making friends.

Educational Psychologists work in partnership with adults to understand the needs of children and young people better. They help them develop their own skills to work with children and young people.

Educational Psychologists work closely with nurseries, health care staff, youth offending teams, education welfare staff, specialist teachers, schools and colleges to meet the needs of children and young people.

Educational Psychologists generally meet children and young people in their schools but will sometimes visit at home.

Educational Psychologists work very closely with parents and carers. They always ask the parent their views and ask them to agree to them being involved.

Educational Psychologists always ask children and young people for their own views.

How to ask for our involvement

1) Talk to the SENCO at your child or young person’s school.

If they agree that your child or young person is not making enough progress or is not developing socially or emotionally then they can arrange for you to meet the Educational Psychologist.

or

2) Contact the Educational Psychology Service if you are worried about the progress or needs of your child or young person for informal advice. The Educational Psychologist will tell you whether they are the correct service to become involved.

Special circumstances

The Educational Psychologist will automatically become involved if you request a Education health and care plan for your child or young person.

The Local Authority might ask the Educational Psychologists to be involved if your child or young person is looked after, excluded, not attending school, or is being supported by the Youth Offending Team.

Support provided to children, young people and families

The Educational Psychologist will …..

Tell you about the work they do

Talk to you and other adults about your child or young person’s needs

Plan with you and other adults the work they will do to help your child or young person

Talk to you about the work they have done.

They may need to

Observe your child or young person while they are playing or working at a task

Work with your child or young person in a group

Work with your child or young person on their own at school or at home

Talk to your child or young person about what they like and do not like doing.

Help you and the school set up some activities to help your child or young person and monitor their progress

They will aim to

Explain your child or young person’s needs to others

Help your child or young person make progress

Help your child or young person feel more confident about themselves

Educational psychologists always work in partnership with others