

# Going to see the Educational Psychologist

## What does that mean?



<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/special-educational-needs/send-local-offer>

## What is an Educational Psychologist?



An Educational Psychologist has been trained in understanding how children and young people behave and learn.

They work with children and young people, their families, their teachers, and other professionals.

They help children and young people to get the most from school.



## Who does an Educational Psychologist see?



The Educational Psychologist sees all types of children.

From very young children...



to teenagers.

Who else do Educational Psychologist's work with?



Educational Psychologists work with parents, teachers and other adults.



They all work together to try and help young people do better at school.



## Where will I see an Educational Psychologist?





The Educational Psychologist may visit you and your family

at home ...



or visit you in school...



or maybe somewhere else



If you meet the Educational Psychologist on your own they will explain that they can keep information you tell them private, unless it involves something that adults need to know for your own safety.

There may be information that you are happy for them to share with others.



What may happen when I see an Educational Psychologist?



The Educational Psychologist may see you once, or on a number of occasions. They are interested in how you think, behave and learn.

They may observe you in a lesson, talk to you about yourself or ask you to complete some activities.



Then what happens?



The Educational Psychologist will talk to you about the work they have done with you. Everyone involved with you will work together to try to find ways to help you do better in school. You will be involved in this process.

What if I have any questions?



You will have the chance to talk to the Educational Psychologist about your thoughts and opinions.

If you prefer, you can put these questions to your parents or teacher or someone else who knows you well.



### Additional Information:

- Educational Psychologists work with children and young people aged 0-25
- All Educational Psychologist at Milton Keynes Council are registered with and regulated by the Health & Care Professions Council
- We give statutory advice to the Local Authority in relation to the Children and Families Act (2014) and SEND Code of Practice (2014).
- We provide a commissioned service to maintained schools, academies and free schools
- Educational Psychologists may have a variety of other roles within the Local Authority.

### Consent

All Educational Psychologists within the team work with the consent of a parent or carer, and/ or the young person if considered Fraser competent.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/legal-definition-child-rights-law/gillick-competency-fraser-guidelines/>