

If you have concerns about your child

In the first instance you should discuss your concern with the school or nursery.

In most instances, staff will be able to deal with your concern.

If it is thought that a more detailed discussion with the educational psychologist would be helpful, school staff will discuss this with you (and your child when appropriate), to obtain your agreement for a meeting with you, the educational psychologist and others.

Contact us

If you have any questions or comments, we would like to hear them. You can always ask questions about what the psychologist is doing and you can tell the psychologist how well you think any support is helping.

Our webpage has further details:

<http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/EPS>

Or you can contact us at:

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Educational Psychology Service

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Educational Psychology Service



What is an Educational Psychological?

An educational psychologist (EP) is someone who visits schools to work with teachers, parents/carers and pupils.

We work together with teachers, parents and other professionals to help children and young people make the most of their lives.

We consult with young people, parents and teachers about learning and behaviour.

We will gather information to identify strengths and areas where help is required and link with parents and other professions to ensure everyone is working together.

What do we do?

- We support children and young people's development, learning and behaviour at school.
- We work with others to identify and understand children's needs, particularly where additional support may be required.
- This helps you as parents/carers, the school and the education authority to make informed choices about meeting your child's needs.
- We work with school staff, parents/carers and other professionals such as speech and language therapists and social workers, to help children and young people achieve.

How will we become involved with your child?

- We can only become involved with your permission.
- Your child's school already has a system in place for monitoring and reviewing the progress of all children and young people.
- Each school has a named (or 'Link') Educational Psychologist who visits the school on a regular basis. During these visits school staff may discuss any general concerns or issues they have.
- If teachers feel they have tried all their strategies to support your child they may seek further advice and support from the Educational Psychologist.
- Your child's school's educational psychologist can be found on our website under "school allocation".

