

A guide for older children and young people

What's next?

The EP may see you more than once. They will work with you and others to plan the best ways to help in school.

What happens if I've got some questions?

You can ask the EP, your parents, carers or teachers.



You can reach the Educational Psychology Service by telephone at:



Amber Valley, Erewash & South Derbyshire (01629 533815)



Chesterfield & North East Derbyshire (01629 532735)



High Peak & Derbyshire Dales (01629 533535)

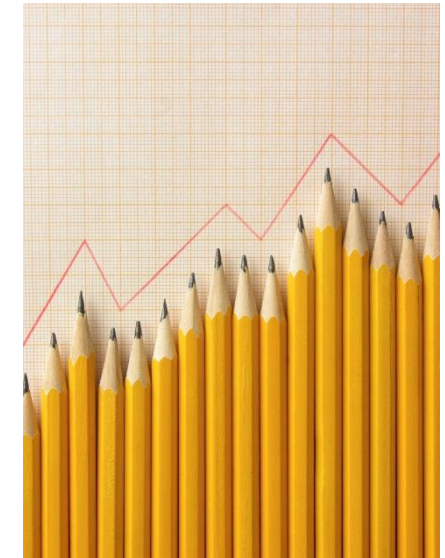
Further information is available from:



http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/special_educational_needs/default.asp

http://localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/getting_support/who_can_they_talk_to/default.asp

Derbyshire Educational Psychology Service



What is an Educational Psychologist (EP)?

An EP has training and qualifications relating to how students learn, feel and behave. They advise and support others in helping students to make progress and feel happier.

Who does an EP see?

An EP sees students of all ages and those who need help with:

- their school work
- behaviour and relationships
- being at school
- sensory or physical needs
- feelings



Who else does an EP see?

EPs also work with school staff, parents and carers and those who know the student well.

They all work together to enable students to feel safe, happy and make progress at school.



Why am I meeting the EP?

You and the adults who know you will have identified some difficulties that they think the EP can help with.

Where will the EP meet with me?

The EP will meet you either at school or at your home. Your parent or carer may be present if you wish.

What will happen when the EP meets with me?

The EP will want to know about your strengths and things that are causing concern through:

- meeting and talking with you
- talking with staff and your parents or carers
- observing at school
- looking at your school work
- using activities or tests with you

The EP will talk to you and find out how you feel things could be better for you.

You have the right to ask questions, say what you think and be listened to.

Afterwards the EP will talk to you, your parents and staff about ways in which you can be supported.

The EP will make notes and may write to you and the school about what they think and offer advice. All of their notes, letters and reports will be kept securely and privately at the EPS office.