



How will you get feedback from the educational psychologist?

Parents/carers receive feedback about the work of an educational psychologist in a variety of ways:

- :: meeting with the educational psychologist
- :: by receiving an educational psychologist's summary of their involvement for the school to record what they did and any agreed actions. Schools will share this with parents.
- :: when educational psychologists attend reviews about individual children and young people.

Parents and carers may have a copy of any written summaries. A parent/carer can request access to the young person's file held by the Educational Psychology Service at any time through the Freedom of Information Act.

Contact us

The Educational Psychology Service can be contacted via the numbers below:

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Principal Educational Psychologist

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Area Educational Psychologists can be contacted at the following locality bases:

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Forest

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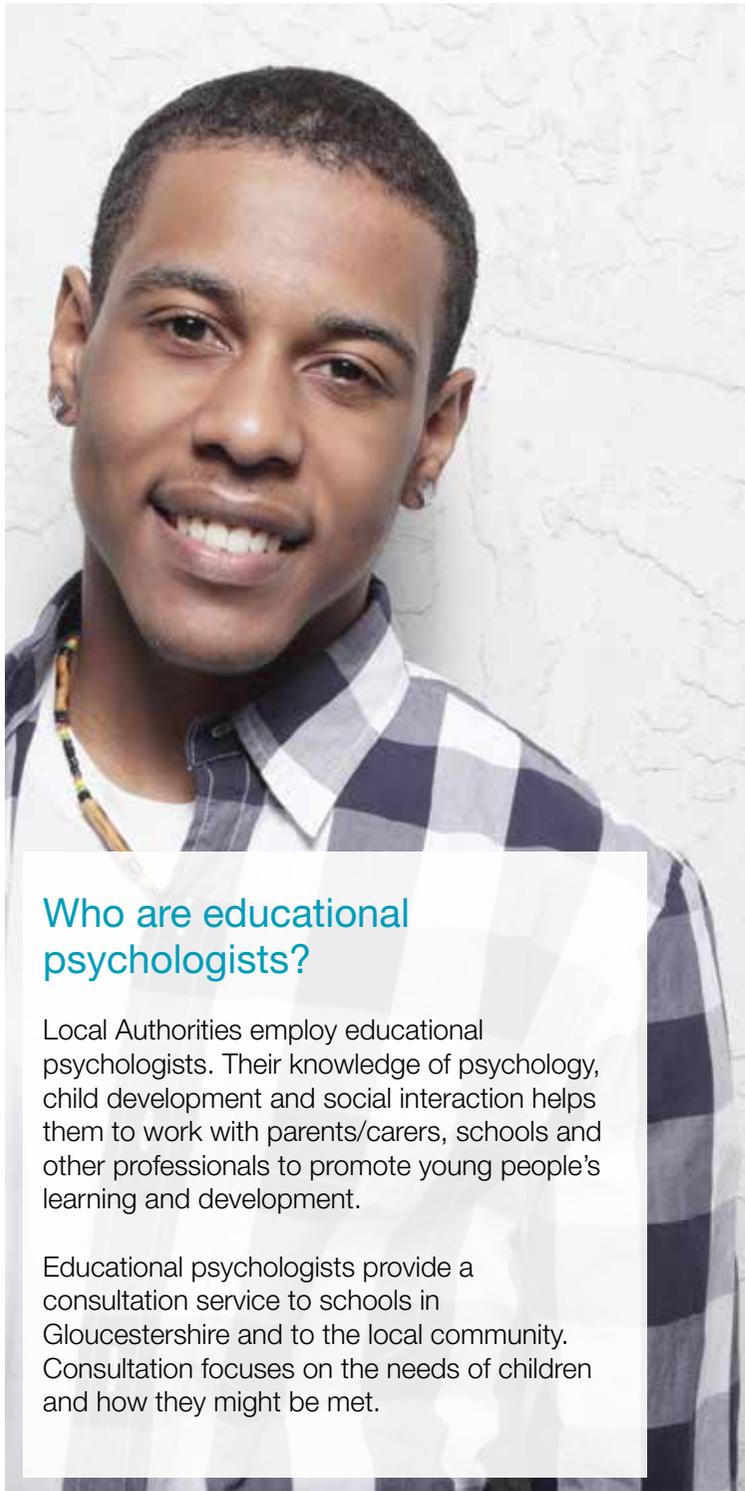
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Gloucestershire Educational Psychology Service

Information for Parents and Carers

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Who are educational psychologists?

Local Authorities employ educational psychologists. Their knowledge of psychology, child development and social interaction helps them to work with parents/carers, schools and other professionals to promote young people's learning and development.

Educational psychologists provide a consultation service to schools in Gloucestershire and to the local community. Consultation focuses on the needs of children and how they might be met.



What do educational psychologists do?

Educational psychologists work with young people from 0-25 years of age. They work with educational settings, schools, children and families in a variety of ways in order to ensure children's needs are met. These include:

- ⌘ consulting with families, teachers and other professionals
- ⌘ helping to plan and review agreed actions
- ⌘ working therapeutically with children and young people
- ⌘ assessment of children and young people's learning, social and emotional needs
- ⌘ training activities with school staff and parents
- ⌘ contributing to statutory assessment (SEN Code of Practice, 2013)
- ⌘ contributing to the development and review of school policies
- ⌘ research and project work

Parents/Carers' consent

Educational psychologists require parental consent before discussing or meeting with any child or young person, unless the young person is able to give his or her own consent and indicates that the interviews should be confidential.

Do parents/carers meet the educational psychologists?

Consulting with parents/carers is an important part of educational psychologists' work. Parents/carers will be involved in any discussions where there is concern about their child's progress.

