

## What happens if an Educational Psychologist becomes involved with my child?

Depending on the nature of your child's difficulties the educational psychologist might:

- Observe your child
- Work or play with your child, using a range of tasks and materials.
- Find out your child's views about their educational progress and any things that are causing concern.
- Use a range of tests to help get a clearer picture of some of your child's skills.

## What happens if I meet with an Educational Psychologist?

An educational psychologist will usually want to meet with parents and carers. During this meeting they might ask questions about the following:

- Your child's early development.
- Your view of your child's strengths and difficulties and how they are managing in school.
- What family life is like for you and your child.

- Any other professionals who have been involved with your child.

## What happens next?

That depends on the plan of action agreed with school staff, parents/carers and the educational psychologist. There may be changes to your child's support plan, referral to other services, new strategies to try at school and home etc. At some point the educational psychologist might want to attend a review meeting about your child to check on their progress.

You can get further information and guidance on the resources section of our website

[www.croydoneducationpartnership.org](http://www.croydoneducationpartnership.org)

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# Introductory Information for Parents and Carers

## Croydon Educational Psychology Service



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## The Educational Psychology Service

We are a team of Educational Psychologists working in Croydon. All Educational Psychologists have a Master's degree or a doctorate in educational psychology. Our training and experience focuses on using applied psychology to help the development and educational progress of children and young people aged 0 - 25. Within our team we have a wonderful mix of age, experience and background.



### What does an Educational Psychologist do?

- We work with school staff to develop and improve the effectiveness of school based interventions and support packages.
- We use observation, consultation, and individual assessment to

gather information about a child or a family. We might use this information to clarify a pupil's difficulties and to give advice to adults working with that pupil.

- We provide staff training and INSET.
- We provide supervision for school staff.
- We produce information materials for parents, carers and young people.
- We support schools when an upsetting or traumatic event occurs.
- We provide psychological advice for the council when a child or young person undergoes statutory assessment.
- We can provide different forms of therapeutic input for pupils who are finding school life difficult.
- We visit pupils at home who are finding it hard to attend school.



## How does the Educational Psychologist become involved with my child?

