

Walsall Educational Psychology Service

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ABOUT THE SERVICE

Walsall Educational Psychology Service provides psychological services for children and young people in Early Years settings, schools, academies and colleges in Walsall. We use psychological theory and research to understand and advise on complex situations and support the development, learning and well-being of children and young people. In addition to our work with individuals we also apply psychology to help understand how schools and settings, families and organisations work and how change can be managed effectively.



Engagement with the Educational Psychology Service begins with consultation which explores and identifies the needs to be addressed. Educational Psychologists work at a number of levels: the individual child level, group or organisational level and or work with parents and carers.

The Service helps Walsall Council meet its duties by undertaking statutory psychological assessments of special educational needs as part of the Education Health and Care needs assessment process. This aspect of work is commissioned by the council and is not charged to schools.

Walsall Educational Psychology Service has offered a traded service to schools and academies for some years now and we plan to extend this. Between September 2016 and Easter 2017 we will be increasing our traded offer which means there will be a graduated reduction in educational psychology allocation to school and academies. You will be informed further on this in due course. You will be able to top-up this allocation by purchasing a subscription for additional time from the service; please see the attached purchase order form.*

From April 2017 educational psychology services will be driven out primarily through subscription system. Schools and academies will receive a one hour planning meeting with a link educational psychologist every term; this will support negotiation so our subscription services can be tailored effectively to meet needs.

* Price charges are comparable with those of EP Services nationally.



WHO WE ARE

We are a team of educational psychologists and trainee educational psychologists

Educational Psychologists are fully qualified applied psychologists who specialise in work with children, young people, families and schools and settings. All of our psychologists are registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council and through regular supervision and continued professional development maintain up to date knowledge and skills.

Trainee Educational Psychologists are graduate psychologists, experienced in working with children, young people and families who are completing professional doctoral training courses. They work under the supervision of qualified and experienced educational psychologists. In Walsall we have established links with professional training courses at the Universities of Birmingham, Nottingham and Bristol and draw trainees from these establishments.

Standards, values and Ethics

Educational Psychologists and Trainee Educational Psychologists in Walsall operate according to the Code of Ethics and Conduct of the British Psychological Society and the Standards of Conduct and Performance and Ethics of the Health and Care Professions Council

We are committed to achieving the most favourable outcomes for children and young people in Walsall. As such the service will:

- Work in partnership with children and young people, parents, carers and other professionals to ensure the well-being of children and young people
- Show understanding and respect for all sections of the community with regard to age, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or disability and celebrate cultural diversity
- Promote children's learning and development through the application of psychology
- Ensure the views of children and young people are heard and respected
- Have a commitment to promoting resilience, social cohesion and inclusion for children, young people and families.



Don't take our word for it

"I used to say holidays were the best days of my life but they're not now – school days are!"

Quote from a previously excluded pupil following solution focused brief therapy work with the Educational Psychologist

WHAT WE OFFER



Educational Psychologists deliver services through consultation. This means we work collaboratively with pupils, school staff and other key adults in a process of structured problem solving using psychological theory and research. This approach often involves assessment, formulation and intervention planning.

Assessment, formulation and advice (non-statutory): a process of information gathering from key sources in a range of settings over time often using a problem analysis framework. This work is hypothesis driven and aims to inform future intervention.

Intervention: this work is based on consultation with key stakeholders and involves the application of agreed strategies with built-in review processes

Walsall Educational Psychology Service can support your concerns in relation to child and adolescent development and special educational needs through work in the following areas:

Developing Learning and Cognition

- Assessments of bilingual learners
- Dyslexia
- Precision Teaching
- Psychological Aspects of Early Learning

Supporting Children and Young People with Particular Needs

- Downs Syndrome
- Being Communication Friendly –Managing Autism in the Classroom
- Experiencing loss and Bereavement
- Emotionally Based School Refusal/Anxiety
- ADHD

Understanding and Managing Behaviour

- Circle Time Training
- Social Stories
- Emotion Coaching
- ABC
- Motivational Interviewing
- Intensive Interaction
- Assertive Discipline
- TAs Understanding and Managing the Behaviour of Groups and Individuals
- Promoting Attachment and Building Resilience
- Attachment, Nurturing and Resilience
- Promoting Positive Behaviour in the Classroom
- Counselling skills for school staff

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“Working collaboratively with the Educational Psychology Service provided an invaluable dimension to our school development”.

Kate Travis, Head Teacher, New Invention Infant School



Mental Health/Social and Emotional Development

- Circle of Friends
- Circle Time
- Mindfulness
- Relaxation Approaches
- Mentoring/ counselling skills
- FRIENDS (CBT intervention)
- Anti-Bullying
- Nurturing approaches
- Nurturing Classrooms
- Solution Focused Brief Therapy



Family and Community Focused Work

- Managing Tricky Times
- Cygnet Training
- Workshops for Parents and Carers
- Helping Families Manage Bereavement and Loss
- Life with Kids



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"We would like to thank the Educational Psychologist who took time to get to know our child. Her patience and understanding was wonderful".

Quote from Parent

Organisational Change and Development

- Critical Incident Management
- Bespoke Development Initiatives – Research and Development in Organisations
- Support for SENCOs
- Supervision Training and Support
- Person Centred Planning
- Behaviour/Mental Health Policy Development and implementation
- PATH
- Video Interactive Guidance for Staff (VIG)

**To find out more speak to your Link Educational Psychologist
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