

Frequently Asked Questions

I received a letter/referral form letting me know a Psychologist will be working with my child. Does this mean there is something wrong with them?

No! We work with a variety of children, from special educational needs to gifted and talented. Everything we do is to support the child and to help them learn.

An Educational Psychologist is assessing my child. Does this mean they have a disorder?

No! Educational Psychologists do not usually diagnose disorders. They work with a child to advise what support should be in place within the school to support them best!

If I don't want my child to work with an Educational/ Assistant Psychologist can I refuse?

Yes! However, referrals are made because we feel your child would benefit from working with a psychologist.

Contact Information

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St. James' CE Primary School

**What is an Educational or Assistant Psychologist?
Information for Parents/ Carers**



What is an Educational Psychologist (EP)?

A highly trained professional who works with children, parents and staff to promote learning, develop social and emotional skills and communication for children and young people aged 0-25.



EPs can help at St. James' CE Primary School in the following ways:

Consultations:

Engage in discussions with teachers, parents and other professionals. Listen to children's voices. Collect information to develop strategies to support children.

Assessments:

Carry out one-to-one assessments looking at strengths and difficulties.



Intervention:

Recommend effective interventions to support children's learning.



What are the aims of Educational Psychologists?

- Encourage **positive development** and **well-being** of children.
- Help children **overcome barriers** to learning.
- Ensure the school is **inclusive to all children** by working collaboratively with teachers, parents and children.



Who does an Educational/ Assistant Psychologist work with?

- **ALL CHILDREN**, this can include those who are doing well and those who may be struggling.
- Work closely with **parents/carers** so they are involved in the process.
- All **staff** to provide support and deliver training to develop knowledge, skills and understanding.

What is an Assistant Psychologist (AP)?

- Trained in a 3 year Psychology degree
- Works full time within St. James' CE Primary School
- Trained over the year by Educational Psychologists

APs can help at St. James' CE Primary School in the following ways:

Interventions:

Work with children from a range of abilities through personalised interventions to support learning.



Observation & Assessment

Collect information through observations, assessment and consultations about the child's learning to report back to the Educational Psychologist.



Providing support:

Share and follow up on recommendations given by the EP in school. Provide training for staff to support children more effectively. Ongoing support to staff, children and parents.

