

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (EP) ASSESSMENT

If your child continues to face challenges with learning or behaviour despite interventions and support, their school may ask for your consent to refer them to an Educational Psychologist (EP).



The Shropshire Educational Psychology Service has created leaflets to help children and young people understand the assessment process. These can be accessed on the Shropshire Local Offer: [Forms and Leaflets from Shropshire Educational Psychology Service](#)

For more information about the service, visit the Local Offer: [Shropshire Educational Psychology Service](#)



WHAT DOES AN EP DO?

An EP works to understand your child's learning needs and identify any barriers to their progress. If your child is referred, the EP will typically:

- Meet with you to gather background information and hear your views on your child's progress and any difficulties they are experiencing.
- Discuss concerns about your child with the SENCo and class teacher.
- Meet with your child to carry out a range of specialised assessments, known as 'closed' assessments. These can only be conducted by a qualified EP and provide insights into how your child learns and what interventions may help.
- Write a detailed report outlining their findings and recommendations. The report will be shared with you and the school, and if the referral was made by the Local Authority, it may also be sent to them directly.





UNDERSTANDING THE EP'S REPORT

You will receive a copy of the report, which may feel quite detailed. A good starting point is the Summary and Recommendations sections (these may also be called “Provision and Arrangements to Meet Identified Outcomes” or something similar). These sections provide:

- A summary of your child’s difficulties.
- Practical suggestions for reducing barriers to learning and supporting your child’s progress.

The rest of the report explains the assessments carried out and the results in more detail, with accompanying information to help you understand how the findings were reached.

To make the most of the report, arrange a meeting with your child’s SENCo to discuss its findings and how the recommendations can be implemented.

**If you have questions or would like support navigating the process, contact Shropshire SENDIASS.
We’re here to help you every step of the way.**

