

Dates and times

All dates will be attended by an Educational Psychologist. An Autism Specialist Advisory Teacher will be present at the ASAT consultation.

EP Consultation

Mondays,
12pm - 3pm

11.09.23

20.11.23

11.12.23

15.01.24

22.04.24

13.05.24

24.06.24

EP Consultation

Tuesdays,
9.30am - 12.30pm

05.09.23

03.10.23

23.01.24

06.02.24

19.03.24

26.03.24

16.04.24

11.06.24

09.07.24

EP Consultation

Wednesdays,
9.30am - 12.30pm

13.09.23

27.09.23

11.10.23

29.11.23

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17.04.24

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ASAT Specialist Consultation

Thursdays,
12pm - 3pm

28.09.23

19.10.23

16.11.23

07.12.23

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Finding out more

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EP Consultation Appointments

2023-2024

What is an EP Consultation

The Psychology Team offers EP Consultations. These sessions will take place remotely using a digital platform. They are an opportunity to discuss issues impacting on a child or young person in the educational setting or home with an Educational Psychologist, with a view to planning a way forward.

Educational Psychologists are trained to work with children and young people, alongside other professionals and families, to improve their well-being and educational outcomes.

Each appointment lasts 45 minutes.

Please be aware that assessments are not carried out during these sessions and we therefore ask that the child/young person who is being discussed does not take part unless they are over 16 and wish to be present.

Who can take part?

EP Consultations are available to all Bedford Borough schools that have bought back the Educational Psychology Service. Please contact your school SENDCo to check if your child's school is eligible.

It is recommended that if the issue relates to a problem/concern within an educational setting then staff and parents/carers come together to discuss the issue.

This will enable joint working and advice to take place.

Parents/carers are welcome to take part in a EP Consultation on their own if staff are not available or the issue relates to a concern at home.

To access a EP Consultation

Book an appointment by contacting the **Psychology Team on 01234 228693** or school.support@bedford.gov.uk providing brief details of the issue/concern.

Please see our list of appointments dates and times under the "Dates and times" section.



Confidentiality

The EP Consultation provides an opportunity to discuss concerns and seek solutions in confidence. The sessions are anonymous (so no names are discussed and no records are held on file). A brief written record of possible ways forward will be provided at the end of the session and in addition you are welcome to make your own notes of the discussion and record useful ideas.

Previous issues that have been brought to EP Consultation

- How can I support my child who has low self-esteem and social communication difficulties at home?
- What's the best way to manage my child's difficult behaviour at home?
- How to develop the emotional literacy skills of pupils.
- How to support pupils who are socially isolated.
- Confusion about whether a pupil was failing to make academic progress due to English being an additional language or due to other factors.