

Dates and times

All dates will be attended by an Educational Psychologist. An Autistic Spectrum Disorder specialist will be present at the ASD drop-in.

EP Drop-in	EP Drop-in
Mondays, 12pm - 3pm	Tuesdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm
04.10.2021	28.09.2021
22.11.2021	09.11.2021
13.12.2021	07.12.2021
10.01.2022	18.01.2022
24.01.2022	01.02.2022
07.02.2022	22.02.2022
14.03.2022	22.03.2022
25.04.2022	03.05.2022
16.05.2022	24.05.2022
20.06.2022	14.06.2022
04.07.2022	12.07.2022
ASD Specialist Drop-in	EP Drop-in
Thursdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm	Thursdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm
23.09.2021	21.10.2021
14.10.2021	04.11.2021
18.11.2021	02.12.2021
09.12.2021	06.01.2022
13.01.2022	03.03.2022
03.02.2022	10.03.2022
03.03.2022	21.04.2022
24.03.2022	12.05.2022
28.04.2022	09.06.2022
19.05.2022	30.06.2022
16.06.2022	14.07.2022
07.07.2022	

Finding out more

If you would like further copies, a large-print copy or information about us and our services, please telephone or write to us at our address below.

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Psychology Team Drop-in Service 2021 - 2022



Children's Services

What is a drop-in?

The Psychology Team offers appointment only drop-ins. 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?

Drop-ins 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 drop-in on their own if staff are not available or the issue relates to a concern at home.

To access a drop-in

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 drop-in dates and times under the "Dates and times" section.



Confidentiality

The drop-in sessions provide 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 drop-in

- 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.