

What will the Educational Psychologist do?

With your agreement, the Educational Psychologist will:

- **Talk** to you and those who know your child
- **Observe** your child in class
- **Consider** assessment information that is already available
- **Direct assessment** with your child
- **Link** with other agencies

Once the Educational Psychologist has gathered information and reached a conclusion, a discussion will take place with you, school staff and others involved to share this information. This discussion will support planning to meet your child's needs. Any further involvement with the Educational Psychologist, if required, should be agreed and have a clear purpose.

Getting it right for every child

Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) is a programme that aims to improve outcomes for all children and young people. The Educational Psychology team works within this guidance. More information on GIRFEC approaches can be found at: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/girfec

The name of the Educational Psychologist for your child's school is:

How to contact us

**Education Psychology
Argyll and Bute Council
Argyll House
Alexandra Parade
Dunoon, PA23 8AJ**

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You can also find contact details for all Educational Psychologists on the website at:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/educational-psychology>

Educational Psychology Service

Information for Parents/Carers



Working together to achieve the best for children and young people

What is the Educational Psychology Service?

The Educational Psychology Service is part of Argyll and Bute Council's Customer Services : Education.

The vision of the service is *to promote the wellbeing and development of all children and young people using the knowledge and evidence base of child psychology.*



Educational Psychologists have specialist knowledge of child psychology, development and education. They use this knowledge to work alongside school staff, parents and other professionals to help children and young people succeed in education and beyond.

All schools and nurseries have an Educational Psychologist who visits on a regular basis.

How does the service become involved?

- In most cases school staff and parents or carers will have agreed that there are causes for concern.
- With your permission, the school will discuss these concerns with the Educational Psychologist. Whilst parents can make direct contact with the service, as can children and young people themselves, it is most effective when everyone works together.
- If our involvement is appropriate, a meeting between the parent or carer, school staff and the Educational Psychologist will be arranged. At this point, agreement is reached about whether there is a need for the Educational Psychologist to become involved.



The role of the Educational Psychologist

When working with children and young people the Educational Psychologist will gather information about the child or young person's strengths, interests and any areas of difficulty or concerns.



This information may relate directly to your **child**, to the **school** environment, or to the child or young person within the **family**. Important information will come from you as a parent or carer.