



Your Educational Psychologist Report

We have received your Educational Psychologist's report and it is important that you read this leaflet carefully as it contains key information about:

- Funding your learning support
- What does my psychology report mean?
- Advising your school
- Frequently asked questions
- What to do next

Apply for your funding support now!

It can take some time to get support in place, so it is important to get things moving as soon as possible.

Funding your learning support.

If you are a home student, you may be entitled to grants under the **Disabled Students Allowances (DSA)** scheme, which covers specific learning difficulties. More information is available overleaf. Your Support Officer (SO) may be able to arrange interim support, such as some one-to-one specialist tuition, once you have applied for DSA.

Non-UK students are not eligible for DSA. Your SO will advise you regarding other sources of funding that are available.

What does my psychology report mean?

Your psychology report is a technical document. We advise you to discuss it at a meeting with one of our Support Officers. You will be able to ask questions about the report and talk over any implications for your learning support, including how it can be funded.

It is quite usual to find this kind of assessment a little unsettling. The report may confirm difficulties that you have suspected for many years or it may reflect a picture of you that you do not recognise.

Talking over the findings, in confidence, may make the position clearer.

If your report does not confirm specific learning difficulties (SpLD) it is still important to understand the findings and you should still make an appointment with a Support Officer.

For those whose report confirms SpLD, such as dyslexia, your report is the key evidence on which to base learning support. In particular:

- For any advice that the SO gives to your school
- To make an application for DSA from your funding authority
- For extra costs such as specialist tuition

Advising your school

Your report is confidential and belongs to you. Your Support Officer can make recommendations to your school only after discussion with you and with your written permission.

Making arrangements, such as extra time for exams or extended deadlines for written assignments is a formal procedure of the university. The way you are assessed for your course may be amended in order to take account of your difficulties. Any changes are intended to give you equal opportunity to show your skills and knowledge, so that you are neither disadvantaged nor advantaged when compared with other students.

NB: We normally require **10 weeks** notice for arrangements for exams.

Frequently asked questions

Will support happen automatically?

No, you must apply for the support you need by attending an appointment. Nothing can happen without discussion with you. It is your responsibility to make an appointment with a member of the Disability and Dyslexia Team as soon as possible.

Should I give a copy of the report to my school?

We do not recommend passing your full psychology report to your school unless there are particular reasons why you should do so, for example, as part of an appeal. It is your support officer's role to pass on the information that schools need to know and to make appropriate recommendations that are consistent with university policy.

Will I get everything that the psychologist recommends?

It is your psychologist's job to make recommendations on the basis of what would help you. This does not always take into account university policy. Also, any IT equipment suggested may have been superseded. IT will be discussed with you as part of the application for DSA funding.

Useful references

Dyslexia at College by Gilroy and Miles (Routledge)

The Study Skills Handbook by Stella Cottrell (Palgrave)

Study skills books published by the **Open University** are also recommended. Also those by Tony Buzan, such as **Use Your Head**.

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

Disability Support at the University of Brighton: www.brighton.ac.uk/disability

Disabled Students Allowance (UK students only)

- For NHS-funded students:
<http://bit.ly/NHSdsa>
- For all other UK students
<http://bit.ly/DSAinformation>

The university's Disability Disclosure Policy
<http://bit.ly/DisabilityDisclosure>

ASK study kit, including workshops:
www.brighton.ac.uk/ask

What do I do next?

Please contact us at your local site to arrange an appointment. Contact details for our site offices can be found overleaf.

It is not possible to put in place your support until you have attended this appointment so it is important to try and see us as soon as possible.

When booking your appointment, please let us know if you that you have received your Educational Psychologist report.

At this appointment we will discuss the report's findings, support funding and what adjustments can be made to your learning and assessment in your academic school.



Contact us

To arrange an appointment with a member of our team, please contact your local Student Services office:

Falmer

Checkland Building East Wing
Tel: 01273 643584

Eastbourne

Trevin Towers Student Centre
Tel: 01273 643845

Grand Parade

Room 153 Main Building
Tel: 01273 643187

Hastings

Room 108 Priory Square Building
Tel: 01273 644643

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For all other enquiries, please contact our central admin team:

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