

Introduction to: Our Educational Psychologist

Ellie Mortimer is the Educational Psychologist who works with our school regularly to help us think about our learners' progress, happiness and well-being.

We aim to work together so that all our children do well in school. Ellie has done lots of training in **children's learning and development** and the things that can get in the way of this. This information is helpful when we are trying to work out how best to help a child or group to make progress.

We like to work closely with parents and carers so, when we want to involve Ellie, we first **ask parents if they are agreeable**. Then we arrange for her to come into class and **observe** the class and then we **talk together** to work out what might help. We work very closely together with you, the parents and carers, so that we all learn from each other about how best to help your child. We will always tell you about any discussions we have the next time we see you.

Then, usually the next time Ellie is in school, we **meet together with you to see how things have progressed** in school. We involve your child too, as much as we can, and really value what children and parents can tell us about what helps. This is all part of the work that Ellie does with us.

Ellie can also work with our staff team to provide **training and supervision** so that staff feel confident and equipped to support the learning and well-being of children in school.

Ellie is employed by Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea Educational Psychology Consultation Service. She works with a number of schools in both boroughs. She works, as we do, in the knowledge that children who feel happy, involved, encouraged and guided to do well in school are more likely to succeed - so we work together to make sure of that.

