



CONSENT FORM

About the Service

The Psychology Practice is a service providing psychological assessment and therapeutic intervention services to children, young people and their families.

Confidentiality

- The Psychology Practice takes the need for, and importance of, confidentiality very seriously. The following confidentiality issues should be noted:
 - In general there will be no discussion of your assessment/case with anyone who is not relevant to the assessment. People who are relevant to your child's case may include other clinicians. It may also be necessary to liaise with other professionals as relevant (e.g., your child's teacher or former clinicians).
 - Where issues of safety arise, the clinician involved with your case will act according to best practice guidelines even if this means breaking confidentiality. If a clinician is concerned for your safety, the safety of your child or the safety of somebody else she may be obliged to alert the Gardaí, HSE Social Services, your GP or a partner / close friend as relevant. If this were to be an issue, the clinician would endeavour to discuss it with you in advance. Concerns around child safety are of particular concern and clinicians are duty-bound to follow up any concerns in accordance with child protection procedures. Examples would include abuse (i.e., physical, emotional or sexual abuse) or neglect of a child.
 - The Psychology Practice maintains a file on your child, which is kept in a locked filing cabinet. This file will be kept securely for the requisite number of years and will be accessible to no-one other than the clinicians involved in your child's care.

The Psychology Practice would ask you to be considerate of the following needs:

- That you attend and leave your appointment on time.
- If you cannot attend an appointment or if you are late, please email the service at info@thepsychologypractice.ie
- Appointments can be rearranged with 48 hours notice

What to expect;

- A clinician will meet with a parent/care-giver either in person or over the phone to discuss your concerns about your child and to collect any further necessary or relevant background or development history.
- The clinician will spend time with your child assessing him/her according to the referral needs.

- If your child attends for assessment, once it is completed, we will aim to have the report written within one month.
- If the report makes any educational recommendations your school will need a copy of the report in order to apply for them. It is your responsibility to furnish the school with a copy of the report.
- Reports will sometimes contain recommendations in relation to therapeutic supports.
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We would appreciate if you would sign the following indicating that you understand / accept the following points:

Please tick ✓	
	Permission granted to assess my child
	Permission granted to contact relevant professionals (e.g., teachers, other clinicians if necessary)
	Permission granted to record the assessment if necessary (You will be notified of this in advance)
	I indicate that I understand the limits of confidentiality
	I have read The Psychology Practice Data protection guidelines and provide consent for data in relation to my child and myself to be stored and processed as outlined
Signature (Legal guardian)	
Printed name	
Date	

Please note:

It is essential where possible that both parents are aware of the referral. If only one parent/guardian has signed this consent form, does the other parent/guardian consent to the referral and assessment?

Yes **No**

Is your child aware of the referral?

Yes **No**

Please note: if attending for assessment, the assessment procedure will be explained to your child in the initial session and he/she will also be asked to provide consent.