

## Guy Clayton - Principle Educational Psychologist

Who am I: My name is Guy Clayton, and I am proud to be the Principal Educational Psychologist for the North Somerset area. I have over a decade of professional experience as an educational psychologist.

While management responsibilities now occupy a significant portion of my time, I still find great fulfilment in opportunities to be directly involved with students through school casework. I have particular interests in the areas of literacy difficulties, mental health, and ADHD.



Outside of work I am a husband and father of two. I enjoy being active and getting out on the Mendips as much as possible.

What do I do: Outside of my management responsibilities I have a small allocation of school casework and an allocation of time for statutory work (primarily Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments). I enjoy this aspect of the role but recognise the anxieties and stress that it can bring for all involved. I try to work in a transparent and clear way and am happy to go out of my way to offer as much information about the process as I can.

My focus in leading the Educational Psychology Service is to create an impactful service for children and young people, staffed by happy and fulfilled colleagues.

What is important to me: With my own personal experience with SEND, I understand the emotional challenges involved for children/ young people and their families. My goal is to help pupils retain the hope, ambition, and enthusiasm they naturally have at a young age, despite the obstacles they face.

