

What will happen at my assessment at Great Ormond Street Hospital?



We are a team at Great Ormond Street Hospital who get to know young people to find out what things they are good at and what things might be a little trickier for them. We help parents and teachers to understand what things might make you happier or make it easier for you to learn.

Who will be there?

You and your parent will be invited to meet with us in one of our clinic rooms. In our teams you might meet

- A Paediatrician– this is a children’s doctor who will talk to your parents about your health and learn more about what you were when you were younger
- A Child Psychiatrist– this is a children’s doctor who can help children who feel sad, angry or worried
- A Clinical Psychologist– who will play games with you and ask you questions to look at your learning ability.
- A Speech and Language Therapist– who will play games and ask questions to find out what you understand and how good you are at speaking
- An Occupational Therapist– who will see how good you are with physical games and using your hands

Why am I being assessed? What does this mean?

An assessment is to get to know you. We would like to know who you are. We would like to find out what you are really good at and what you find a bit hard.



We would like to talk to you, your family and your school. This helps us get to know you.



If you meet us and talk with us, it helps us understand your strengths and difficulties.

We can then help your family and teachers know how to help you

Extra help might make things better for you. It might make you happier.



What will happen?

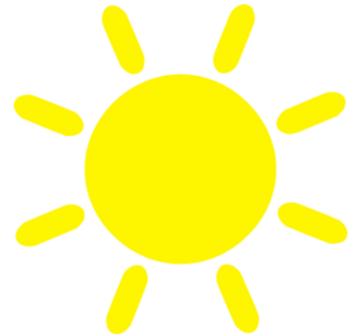
We would like to meet with you at Great Ormond Street Hospital.



Sometimes we can do all of the activities in a morning or afternoon.

Sometimes it can take a whole day.

Quite often we ask children to visit us two or three times



What happens if I do the assessment?

We learn the most about you by meeting and talking to you.

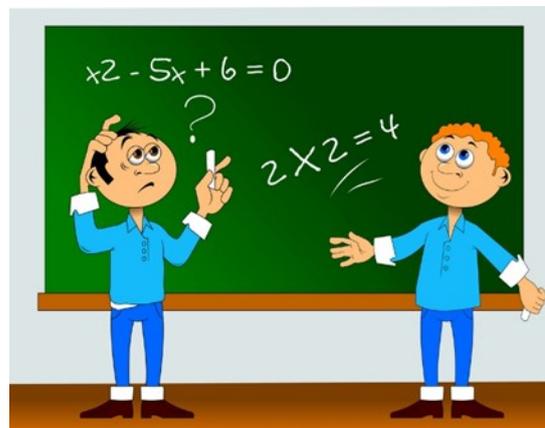


When we meet you, we will talk to you and ask you some questions. We will ask you to do some activities.

We will ask you to look at some pictures and tell a story. We might ask you to do some learning tasks.



Some young people find the tasks fun. You might find some tasks easy. You might find some tasks hard. That is normal!



We will make sure there is plenty of time for breaks and snacks. You might want to bring a favourite activity with you or a favourite drink or snack.

Coming to see new people in a new place can be scary and can be tiring.

It can be a good idea to plan a treat with your family for after the assessments.

There are lots of good places to eat and fun things to do in London.



What happens if I don't do the assessment ?

You might not want to do the assessment. You might not want to talk to us or do the activities.

If you don't do the assessment, it makes it hard for us to get to know you.

We might talk to your parents and teachers to find out ways to make it easier for you to join the assessment.

You might need more time to get to know us

You might be more comfortable at home or at school where we can visit you.

What will happen after the assessment?

Our assessment will help us to see if you need any extra help. We will think about what might help you in the future.



We look forward to meeting