

**Educational Visitor Virtual Consultation: Obtaining Informed Consent**

To discuss a child or young person in virtual consultation, it is essential that you seek and record informed consent to do so in advance from someone with parental responsibilities, and / or from the young person if aged over 12 years. Exceptions can be made where the young person is deemed not to have capacity. The parent or young person has the right to say what information you are allowed to share.

At the start of your virtual consultation, you will be asked to confirm if consent has been given.

**Obtaining informed consent**

* It will be important to ensure parents/carers are made aware of the following:
* Consent is being sought for consultation or discussion only. The Educational Visitor will not be able to read any additional information about the child or young person before or after the consultation.
* No follow up work or assessment will be undertaken by the Educational Visitor Service.
* The reason why virtual consultation has been sought (e.g. to help inform the transition planning or to help ensure that a young person’s wellbeing or learning needs are appropriately supported in school).

**Recording informed consent**

* It will be important to ensure that that the following information is recorded and a record kept within the child/young person’s nursery/school records:
* The name of parent/carer and/or the young person from whom consent was obtained.
* The date on which consent was obtained.
* How consent was obtained (e.g. telephone, in person discussion or by email).

Applying Visitor to make a positive difference to the educational experiences and outcomes of children and young people.