

## Criteria for NEPS Assessment

In Ballynacally NS we employ the Three (3) staged approach to assessment as prescribed by the National Educational Psychological Service.

The Class Teacher, Learning Support Teacher and the School Principal liaise regularly in order to agree priority listing for an Educational Assessment.

Staff also welcome and respond to queries and concerns from parents and other external agencies e.g. HSE etc

The Principal, in collaboration with our SENO, assures that pupils are re-assessed immediately prior to promotion to second level.

We do not operate a system employed fixed criteria for NEPS assessment. The criteria are agreed by staff with the importance being placed on urgency based on need. We are mindful that such needs differ in each individual case.

Ballynacally NS has been very fortunate always to have a working relationship with our NEPS psychologist such that the needs of pupils in the school are always addressed promptly, professionally and sensitively.

In the event of our permissible assessment limit being exceeded, the Board of Management have, in the past, accommodated us by funding private assessments which are deemed urgent or where a family is experiencing hardship of one sort or another e.g. financial. Details of the situations referred to here are private as determined by the Board of Management confidentiality ruling.