

Terms and Abbreviations Used in Relation to Special Educational Needs

Acronym	Full title
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Hyperactivity Disorder
AEN	Additional Educational Needs
ARB	Area Resource Base
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder(s)
AST	Advanced Skills Teacher
AWPU	Age Weighted Pupil Unit
BESD	Behavioural, Emotional and Social Development
BSL	British Sign Language
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
CCP	Consultant Community Paediatrician
CDC	Child Development Centre
CIC	Children in Care (previously known as Looked After Children - LAC)
CLD	Complex Learning Difficulties
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CSA	Children's Service Authority
DAMP	Deficits in Attention, Motor control and Perception
DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families

Acronym	Full title
EAL	English as an Additional Language
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat
EP	Educational Psychologist
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
GP	General Practitioner
HI	Hearing Impaired
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
HT	Headteacher
HV	Health Visitor
IBP	Individual Behaviour Plan
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IEP	Individual Education Plan
INSET	In Service Education and Training
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
KS	Key Stage
LAC	Looked After Children (now known as Children in Care - CIC)
LDD	Learning Disabilities and Difficulties
MAKATON	A simple communication system using signs
MDVI	Multiple Disabilities and Visual Impairment
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
MSI	Multi-Sensory Impairment
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder

Acronym	Full title
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OT	Occupational Therapist
PECS	Picture Exchange Communications System
PEP	Promoting Effective Parenting
PD	Physical Disability / Difficulties
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
Physio	Physiotherapist
SALT	Speech and Language Therapy / Therapist
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties / Disabilities
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
RB2A	Removing Barriers to Achievement
SEBD	Social, Emotional and Behavioural Development
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SERP	Special Education Resources Panel (once called D4/A3)
SGP	Staff Grade Paediatrician (once called Clinical Medical Officer)
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties
SSA	Special Support Assistant
SW	Social Worker

Acronym	Full title
TAC	Team Around the Child
TA	Teaching Assistant
TEACCH	Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication handicapped Children
VI	Visually Impaired