

Glossary of SEN Terminology

Here is a quick guide to Special Educational Needs terminology.

ABA	Applied Behavioural Analysis
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule
APD	Auditory Processing Disorder
AR	Annual Review
ARP	Additional Resource(d) Provision
ASC	Autistic Spectrum Condition
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
Baseline Assessment	A standardised teacher assessment designed to establish the attainment level of children at a significant point
Basic Skills	Reading, Writing and Maths
Beacon School	A school that has been identified as amongst the best performing in country and represent examples of good practice
BSP	Behaviour Support Plan
CAF	Central Assessment Framework
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CARS	Childhood Autism Rating Scale
CDC	Council for Disabled Children
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFA	Children and Families Act 2014
CHAT	Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool
CI	Communication and Interaction
CIN	Child In Need
CL	Cognition and Learning
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CP	Child Protection
CP	Clinical Psychologist
CPR	Child Protection Register
CYPS	Children and and Young Persons Service
DP	Direct Payments
DD	Disability Discrimination
DfE	Department for Education
DFG	Disability Facilities Grant
DISCO	Diagnostic Interview for Social and Communication Problems
DSA	Disabled Student's Allowance
DX	Diagnosis
E2E	Entry to Employment
EA	Education Act 1996
EBD	Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
EDS	Elhers Danlos Syndrome
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EP	Educational Psychologist
EPS	Educational Psychology Service

EFA	Education Funding Agency
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
EOTAS	Education Other Than at School
ESBD	Emotional, Social and Behavioural Difficulties
ESP	Early Support Programme
ESW	Education Social Worker
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EYCDP	Early Years Development and Childcare Plan
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
FE	Further Education
FSM	Free School Meals
GDD	Global Developmental Delay
HI	Hearing Impaired
IASS	Information, Advice and Support Service
IBP	Individual Behaviour Plan
ICP	Individual Care Plan
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IO	Inclusion Officer
IPP	Individual Pupil Profile
IPS	Independent Parental Supporter
IPSEA	Independent Panel for Special Educational Needs
JHS	Joint Hypermobility Syndrome
JR	Judicial Review
LA	Local Authority
LD	Learning Difficulties
LGO	Local Government Ombudsman
LO	Local Offer
LA	Local authority
LEA	Local Educational Authority
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
MN	Medical Needs
NC	National Curriculum
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher
NVLD	Non-verbal Learning Disorder
 OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OT	Occupational Therapy
OT	Occupational Therapist
PB	Personal Budget
PDA	Pathological Demand Avoidance
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PEP	Personal Education Plan
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Disability
PP	Parent Partnership

PPO	Parent Partnership Officer
PT	Physiotherapists
RAS	Resource Allocation Assessment
RoA	Records of Achievement
SA	School Action
SA+	School Action Plus
SAL/SLT	Speech and Language Therapy
SaLT	Speech and Language Team
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENC_o	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SLD	Specific Learning Disorder
SMO	School Medical Officer
SPD	Sensory Processing Disorder
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties
SPM	Sensory, Physical, Medical
SS	Social Services
SW	Social Worker
TA	Teaching Assistant
TAC	Team Around Child
VI	Visual Impairment
VPD	Visual Processing Disorder