

# Glossary of Acronyms



Keeping up with all the abbreviations and acronyms can be confusing so here is a glossary of some that you may come across.

<b>ADD</b>	<b>Attention Deficit Disorder</b>
<b>ADHD</b>	<b>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder</b>
<b>AR</b>	<b>Annual Review</b>
<b>BESD</b>	<b>Behavioural, Emotional, Social Difficulties</b>
<b>BSL</b>	<b>British Sign Language</b>
<b>CAF</b>	<b>Common Assessment Form</b>
<b>CAMHS</b>	<b>Children Adolescence Mental Health Service</b>
<b>CCG</b>	<b>Clinical Commissioning Group</b>
<b>CDU or CDC</b>	<b>Children Development Unit/Centre</b>
<b>COP</b>	<b>Code of Practice - a guide given by the government on how to approach special needs in schools.</b>
<b>CP</b>	<b>Cerebral Palsy</b>
<b>CRB</b>	<b>Criminal Records Bureau</b>
<b>DBS</b>	<b>Disclosure and Barring Service</b>
<b>DfE</b>	<b>Dept of Education</b>
<b>DLA</b>	<b>Disability Living Allowance</b>
<b>EA</b>	<b>Educational Authority</b>
<b>EBD</b>	<b>Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties</b>
<b>EHCP</b>	<b>Educational Health &amp; Care Plan</b>
<b>ENT</b>	<b>Ear Nose and Throat</b>
<b>EP</b>	<b>Educational Psychologist</b>
<b>ES</b>	<b>Early Support</b>
<b>EWO</b>	<b>Educational Welfare Officer</b>
<b>FE</b>	<b>Further Education</b>
<b>FIS</b>	<b>Family Information Service</b>
<b>GDD</b>	<b>Global Development Delay</b>
<b>GP</b>	<b>General Practitioner/Doctor</b>
<b>HI</b>	<b>Hearing Impaired</b>
<b>HV</b>	<b>Health Visitor</b>
<b>HWBB</b>	<b>Health and wellbeing Board</b>

<b>IEP</b>	<b>Individual Educational Plan</b>
<b>IPSEA</b>	<b>Independent Parental Special Education Advice</b>
<b>IS</b>	<b>Independent Supporter</b>
<b>JSNA</b>	<b>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b>
<b>LA</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
<b>LD</b>	<b>Learning Difficulty</b>
<b>LO</b>	<b>Local Offer</b>
<b>LSA</b>	<b>Learning Support Assistant</b>
<b>MLD</b>	<b>Moderate Learning Difficulties</b>
<b>MSI</b>	<b>Multi-Sensory Impairment</b>
<b>NNPCF</b>	<b>National Network of Parent Carer Forums</b>
<b>NSF</b>	<b>National Service Framework</b>
<b>OFSTED</b>	<b>Office for Standards in Education</b>
<b>OT</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy</b>
<b>PB</b>	<b>Personal Budget</b>
<b>PCP</b>	<b>Person Centred Planning</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>Physical Disability</b>
<b>PIP</b>	<b>Personal Independence Payments</b>
<b>PMLD</b>	<b>Profound Multiple Learning Difficulties</b>
<b>PPS</b>	<b>Parent Partnership Service</b>
<b>PRU</b>	<b>Pupil Referral Unit</b>
<b>PSA</b>	<b>Pupil Resource Agreement</b>
<b>PSA</b>	<b>Personal Support Assistant</b>
<b>PT</b>	<b>Physio Therapy</b>
<b>RA</b>	<b>Reading Age</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>Spelling Age</b>
<b>SEN</b>	<b>Special Educational Needs</b>
<b>SENCO</b>	<b>Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator</b>
<b>SEND</b>	<b>Special Educational Needs &amp; Disabilities</b>
<b>SENDIST</b>	<b>Special Educational Needs Disability Tribunal. An independent body that hears parents appeals against LEA decisions on statutory assessments and statements and parents claims of unlawful disability discrimination</b>
<b>SEN Support</b>	<b>Special Educational Needs Support – replaces School Action and School Action Plus</b>
<b>SLD</b>	<b>Severe Learning Difficulty</b>
<b>SLT</b>	<b>Speech &amp; Language Therapy</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>
<b>TAC</b>	<b>Team Around the Child</b>
<b>VI</b>	<b>Visual Impairment</b>