



Common acronyms and abbreviations used in education

We know in education we are guilty of using acronyms and abbreviations which can make it difficult for parents/carers to understand. Therefore, we've tried to collate some common ones that you may hear below.

AHT	Assistant Headteacher
AP	Alternate Provision
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
C&I	Communication and Interaction
C&L	Cognition and Language
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CIN	Child In Need
CLF	Cliff Lane Friends
CP	Child Protection
DfE	Department For Education
DHT	Deputy Headteacher
EAL	English As An Additional Language
ECHP	Education, Health and Care Plan
ECT	Early Careers Teacher
EHA	Early Help Assessment
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
FLO	Family Liaison Officer
HT	Headteacher

IEP	Individual Education Plan
KS1	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
KS2	Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked After Child
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
MfL	Modern Foreign Languages
MLD	Mild Learning Difficulty
OT	Occupational Therapy
PE	Physical Education
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty
PP	Pupil Premium
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
PSHE	Physical, Social, Health and Economic Education
QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
RE	Religious Education
S&P	Sensory and Physical
SALT	Speech and Language Therapy
SATs	Standardised Assessment Test
SCR	Single Central Record
SDP	School Development Plan
SEF	Self-Evaluation Form
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator

SES	Special Education Services
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulty
SpLD	Speech and Language Difficulty