

Acronyms for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

*The abbreviations used most frequently in school are in **bold**

AAC	Alternative and Augmentative Communication
ACT	Autism & Communication Team
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule
AfL	Assessment for Learning
APD	Auditory Processing Disorder
APDR	Assess, Plan, Do & Review
AR	Annual Review of Education, Health and Care plan
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
AT	Advisory Teacher
BDD	Body Dysmorphic Disorder
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
BSL	British Sign Language
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CAOT	Children's Autism Outreach Team
CAT	Cognitive Ability Test
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFS	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CoP	Code of Practice
DCD	Developmental Coordination Disorder (Dyspraxia)
DfE	Department for Education
DLA	Disability Living Allowance
DS	Downs Syndrome
DVD	Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia
EAL	English as an Additional Language

EHA	Early Help Assessment
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
EHRC	Equality and Human Rights Commission
EP	Educational Psychologist
EPPLAC	Education Plan for Previously Looked After Children
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
GDD	Global Developmental Delay
HI	Hearing Impairment
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
HMI	Her Majesty's Inspectors
ILI	Individual Literacy Intervention
ISP	Individual Support Plan
ITS	Integrated Therapy Service
KS	Key Stage
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked After Child
LDD	Learning Difficulties & Disabilities
LO	Local Offer
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
MAISEY	Multi-Agency Identification & Support in the Early Years
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
ME	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OT	Occupational Therapist
PDA	Pathological Demand Avoidance
PDD	Pervasive Development Disorder

PECs	Picture Exchange Communication System
PEP	Personal Education Plan
PFSA	Parent & Family Support Advisor
PIMS	Physical Impairment & Medical Support Team
PLAC	Previously Looked After Child
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities
S&L	Speech and Language
SaLT	Speech and Language Therapist
SDDMF	Specific Developmental Disorder of Motor Function
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability
SENDIAS	Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice & Support
SEP	School Entry Planning
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SMA	Spinal Muscular Atrophy
SpLDs	Specific Learning Difficulties
SPOT	Sensory, Physical & Occupational Therapy
SSE	Support Services for Education
TA	Teaching Assistant
TEACCH	Treatment & Education of Autistic & related Communication Handicapped Children
TS	Tourettes Syndrome
VI	Visual Impairment
VSLST	Virtual School & Learning Support Team