



Jargon Buster Glossary of Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Terms

Local and National Acronyms

Acronym	Full Title
A&PT	Assessment and Provision Team
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
APA	Alternative Provision Academy (sometimes called Pupil Referral Unit (PRU))
ARB	Area Resource Base
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
AWPU	Age Weighted Pupil Unit
BSL	British Sign Language
CAF	Common Assessment Framework / Form
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CCP	Consultant Community Paediatrician
CDC	Child Development Centre
CFT	Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust
CHC	Continuing Health Care
CIC	Child in Care (sometimes called Looked After Child LAC)
C&I	Communication and Interaction
C&L	Cognition and Learning
CLA	Child Looked After (sometimes called Child(ren) in Care)
CLD	Complex Learning Difficulties
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team (Adults)
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CSW	Community Support Worker
DAMP	Deficits in Attention, Motor Control and Perception
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service
DCTS	Disabled Children and Therapy Service
DfE	Department for Education
DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant
DLA	Disability Living Allowance
EAL	English as an Additional Language

Acronym	Full Title
EFA	Education Funding Agency
EH	Early Help
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
EHC&P	Education, Health and Care Assessment and Planning
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat
EPS	Educational Psychology Service
ES	Early Support
ESI	Employment Status Indicator Tool
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EY	Early Years
FIS	Family Information Service
F&PB	Funding and Personal Budgets
GP	General Practitioner
HI	Hearing Impairment
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
HT	Head teacher
HV	Health Visitor
IC&LO	Information, Communication and the Local Offer
INSET	In Service Training
JC	Joint Commissioning
KS	Key Stage
L&A	Learning and Achievement Service
LDD	Learning Difficulty and Disability
LO	Local Offer
MDVI	Multiple Disabilities and Visual Impairment
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
MSI	Multiple Sensory Impairment
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OfSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OT	Occupational Therapy
PCCC	Parent Carer Council Cornwall
PD	Physical Difficulty
PECS	Picture Exchange Communications System
PEP	Personal Education Plan
PfA	Preparing for Adulthood
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit (sometimes called Alternative Provisional Academy (APA))
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
SC	Social Care
SEMHD	Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SENDIASS	Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service
SERP	Special Education Resource Panel

Acronym	Full Title
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SMT	Senior Management Team
S&PN	Sensory and / or Physical Needs
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
SW	Social Worker
TA	Teaching Assistant
TAC	Team Around the Child
VI	Visual Impairment
YOS	Youth Offending Service

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