



Jargon buster

A glossary of some common education and related terminology.

ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

APP - Assessing Pupils' Progress - APP is a structured approach to periodically assessing maths, science, reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.

EAL - English as an Additional Language - Refers to children whose first language(s) is/are not English and who may not yet be speaking English fluently or even at all.

EYFS - Early Years Foundation Stage - A framework for care and education of children from birth to five years of age.

EBD - Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

EWO - Education Welfare Officer - Person employed by the Local Authority to help parents and the LA meet their statutory obligations in relation to school attendance.

ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages or English as a Second or Other Language - If English is not your main language you can take part in a course to help you improve your English. These courses are called ESOL.

FSM - Free School Meals

G & T - Gifted and Talented

GTP - Graduate Teacher Programme

HLTA - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

ICT - Information and Communication Technology

INSET - In-Service Education and Training - Training for teachers and other school staff which takes place during the school year.

ITT - Initial Teacher Training

KS1 - Key Stage 1 - 5-7 years old

KS2 - Key Stage 2 - 7-11 years old

LA - Local Authority

LSA - Learning Support Assistant (sometimes referred to as an LA - Learning Assistant)

LSP - Learning Support Plan

MFL - Modern Foreign Languages

MLD - Moderate Learning Difficulties

NQT - Newly Qualified Teacher

OFSTED - Office for Standards in Education

PE - Physical Education

PPA - Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time

PSHE - Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

QTS - Qualified Teacher Status

RE - Religious Education

SATs - Standard Attainment Tests/Tasks - National Curriculum Tests and Tasks which take place at the end of Key Stage 1 and at the end of Key Stage 2.

SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENCO - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

SLD - Severe Learning Difficulties

SLT/SMT - Senior Leadership Team/Senior Management Team

TA - Teaching Assistant

TAF - Team around the Family