



Whilst we always try our best to avoid talking 'jargon' in school, very often letters from different professionals come with many acronyms. This list will hopefully help decipher some of the uncertainties that you may feel.

Abbreviation:	Meaning:
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit Disorder / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
Assessment	A detailed examination of a child's special educational needs
Baseline Assessment	A standardised teacher assessment designed to establish the attainment level of children at a significant point
Basic Skills	Reading, Writing and Maths
Beacon School	A school that has been identified as amongst the best performing in country and represent examples of good practice
BSS	Behaviour Support Service
B4L	Behaviour For Learning
CAF	Classroom Assistant
CoP	Code of Practice
CI	Communication and Interaction
CL	Cognition and Learning
CP	Child Protection
CPR	Child Protection Register
DoB	Date of Birth
EBD	Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
ESBD	Emotional, Social and Behavioural Difficulties
EOTAS	Education Other Than at School
EP	Education Psychologist
ESW	Education Social Worker
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
ESP	Early Support Programme
EYCDP	Early Years Development and Childcare Plan
E2E	Entry to Employment
FE	Further Education
FSM	Free School Meals
G&T	Gifted & Talented
GMS	Grant Maintained School
HE	Higher Education
HI	Hearing Impaired
IAC	Infant Assessment Class
IPS	Independent Parental Supporter
IEP	Individual Education Plan
LA	Local Authority
LD	Learning Difficulties
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
LSS	Learning Support Service
MDT	Multi-Disiplinary Team
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
NC	National Curriculum
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher



Abbreviation:	Meaning:
NTA	Non-Teaching Assistant
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OT	Occupational Therapy
PE	Physical Education
PEP	Personal Education Plan
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PPO	Parent Partnership Officer
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
PaSP	Pastoral Support Programme
PSP	Pupil Support Plan
PSAC	Pre School Assessment Class
RAC	Reception Assessment Class
RoA	Records of Achievement
SAL/SLT	Speech and Language Therapy
SAT's	Standard Assessment Tests
SA	School Action
SA+	School Action Plus
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENCo	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SMO	School Medical Officer
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties
SPM	Sensory, Physical, Medical
TA	Teaching Assistant
VI	Visually Impaired
RAPT	Raising Achievement & Performance Team