



School Jargon Buster

Below you will find some examples of words that are used in the school environment, both on this website, in the school and in other educational establishments with an explanation of what they mean.

Academy - a state-funded school independent of local authority control. Academies are self-governing non-profit charitable trusts.

Achievement - Describes both attainment i.e. the level achieved and the progress you have made from a starting point.

AfL - Assessment for Learning - Assessment for Learning is the process of seeking and interpreting evidence for use by learners and their teachers to decide where the learners are in their learning, where they need to go and how best to get there

AH – Assistant Head

ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASP – Analyse School Performance – a data dashboard for schools

AtL – Access to Learning (Team)

Attainment - The actual results attained.

Attainment Targets - A general defined standard that a pupil is expected to achieve at each key stage of the National Curriculum

Blending - To draw individual sounds together to pronounce a word, e.g. f-l-a-p, blended together, reads 'flap'

BSP – Behaviour Support Plan

CE / CofE – Church of England

CiC -Children in Care

CLA - Children Looked After

CoG – Chair of Governors

Core Subjects - English, maths and science: all pupils must study these subjects up to Key Stage 4

CPD - Continuing Professional Development

Creative Curriculum - There are numerous different interpretations exist for the concept 'the creative curriculum'. In some schools it means topics or themes, in others it means asking children what they want to learn.

DBS - Disclosure & Barring Service - DBS refers to the agency created out of a merger between the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and The Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

DfE - Department for Education

DHT – Deputy Headteacher

Differentiation - a wide variety of teaching techniques and lesson adaptations that teachers use to pupils of differing abilities in the same class.

EAL - English as an **A**dditional **L**anguage

EHCP - Educational Health Care Plan - An education, health and care plan is a document that says what support a child or young person who has special educational needs should have.

EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage. This stage typically means Nursery and Reception Classes.

FFT - Fischer Family Trust



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FSW - Family Support Worker

FSM - Free School Meals

FTE - Full Time Equivalent

G & T - Gifted and Talented - Gifted are those with high ability in one or more academic subject and the talented are those with high ability in sport, music, visual or performing arts.

HLTA - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

HMI - Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools

HT - Headteacher

ICT - Information and Communication Technology

IEP - Individual Education Plan for SEND pupils

Inclusion - Removing barriers in learning so all pupils can participate at their own level.

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

ISA - Independent Safeguarding Authority

ITT - Initial Teacher Training

Key Stage 1 – age 5-7 (Years 1 and 2)

Key Stage 2 – age 7-11 (Years 3,4, 5 and 6);

LA - Local Authority

LAC - Looked After Children (now replaced by CLA – see above)

LSA - Learning Support Assistant

MLD - Moderate Learning Difficulties

More able - Higher performing pupils than the majority of the class.

NC - National Curriculum

NGA - National Governors' Association

NOR - Number on Roll

NPQH - National Professional Qualification for Headship

NQT - Newly Qualified Teacher

NVQ - National Vocational Qualifications

Ofqual - Office of Qualifications & Examinations Regulation

Ofsted - Office for Standards in Education

PE - Physical Education

PEG – Physical Education Grant

Performance Table - Published by the DfE to compare schools' results.

Phonics - Phonics refers to a method for teaching speakers of English to read and write their language.

PLD – Professional Learning and Development

PPA - Planning, Preparation and Assessment time to which teachers are entitled 10% of their teaching timetable.

PPG – Pupil Premium Grant

Progression - pupils develop academically and personally from year to year and from one key stage to the next in a way which builds on what has already been achieved.



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PSHCE Personal, Social, Health, Economic and Citizenship Education

PSP – Pastoral Support Plan

QTS Qualified Teacher Status

RE - Religious Education

SACRE - Standing Advisory Council for 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.

SBM – School Business Manager

SCR - Single Central Record - Schools must hold a central record of all adults working with pupils. The records hold security and ID checks among other specific information.

SDP – School Development Plan

SEBDOS – Social, Emotional Behavioural Difficulties Outreach Service

SEF – School Evaluation Form

SEP – School Effectiveness Partner

SEMH - Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs

SEAL - Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning

SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENDCo - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator

Setting - Putting pupils of similar ability together just for certain lessons. So, for example, it would be possible to be in a top set for French and a lower set for mathematics.

SIAMS – Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

SIP - School Improvement Plan

SLE - Specialist Leader of Education

SLT - Senior Leadership Team (head, deputy, assistant heads and SBM)

SLMT - Senior Leadership and Management Team (as above plus phase managers, SENDCo)

SMSC - Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (development)

Streaming - Splitting pupils into several different hierarchical groups which would stay together for all lessons.

TA - Teaching Assistant

Transition - The movement of pupils from Key Stage to Key Stage or school to school and the procedures associated with it.

VC – Voluntary Controlled

VCOP - vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation pupils are expected to use in their writing.

VLE - Virtual Learning Environment