

Common Educational terms, abbreviations and acronyms (updated October 2025)

Below are a few examples to help get you started.

ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	B/ASC BIT	Breakfast / After School Club Behaviour Intervention Team
APS	Average Point Score		
ARE	Age Related Expectation		
ASC	After School Club		
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder		
ASP	Analysis School Performance (On-line data on pupil performance)		
CAAS	Contact, Advice and Assessment Service	Dashboard	On-line data on pupil performance
CAF	Common Assessment Form	DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service
CALT	Cognition and Learning Team	DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	DFC	Devolved Formula Capital
CCE	Child Criminal Exploitation	DfE	Department for Education
CIC	Child in Care	DPA	Data Protection Act
CIN	Child in Need (second level of safeguarding input)		
CLA	Child Looked After		
Cohort	Body of pupils entering a school in any one year		
CP	Child Protection (first level of safeguarding input)		
CPD	Continuing Professional Development		
CPOMS	Method of reporting behaviour issues to LA		
CREST	Method of reporting issues to LA		
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation		
CT	Class Teacher		
EAL	English as an additional language	FFT	Fischer Family Trust
ECT	Early Careers Teacher	FGB	Full Governing Body
Ed	Educational Psychologist	FOI	Freedom of Information
Psych		FPM	Financial Procedures Manual
EHC	Education and Health Care	FS	Foundation Stage
EHCP	Education Health and Care Plan	FSM	Free School Meals
EHT	Executive Headteacher	FSP	Federation Strategic Plan
ELG	Early Learning Goal	FSW	Family Support Worker
ELSA	Emotional Literacy Support Assistants		
EP	Educational Psychologist		
EWO	Educational Welfare Officer		
EXS	Working at the expected standard		
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage		
G&T	Gifted and Talented	H&S	Health and Safety
GAP	Graduated Approach Plan	HLTA	High Level Teaching Assistant
GB	Governing Body	HMI	Her Majesty's Inspector
GD	Greater Depth	HT	Headteacher

GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation		
GDS	Working at greater depth within the expected standard		
GLD	Good Level of Development		
GRT	Gypsy, Romany, Traveller		
INSET	In Service Education Training	KCSIE	Keeping Children Safe in Education
		KS1	Key Stage 1
		KS2	Key Stage 2
LA	Local Authority	MAT	Multi Academy Trust
LAL	Language and Literacy facility (Theale)	MHST	Mental Health Support Team
LEA	Local Education Authority	MSJ	Mortimer St John's
		MSM	Mortimer St Mary's
NACE	National Association for Able Children in Education	Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills
NOR	Number On Roll	OT	Occupational Therapist
NPQH	National Professional Qualification for Headship		
NPQEL	National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership		
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher		
PA	Persistently Absent	QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
PAN	Published Admission Number		
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education		
PP	Pupil Premium		
PPA	Preparation, Planning and Assessment		
PPG	Pupil Premium Grant		
PSED	Personal, Social, Emotional Development		
PSED	Public Sector Equality Duty		
PSHE	Personal, Social and Health Education		
RWM	Reading, Writing, Maths	SA	School Action
		SA+	School Action Plus
		SAP	Support and Achievement Plan
		SATs	Standard Assessment Tests
		SBM	School Business Manager
		SCA	Schools Condition Allocations (Diocesan capital funding)
		SCR	Single Central Record
		SEF	Self-Evaluation Form
		SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability
		SENCo	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
		SFVS	Schools Financial Value Standard
		SIAMS	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools
		SIC	Statement of Internal Control
		SIMS	School Information Management System

		SIP	School Improvement Partner
		SLT	Senior Leadership Team
		SMSC	Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development
		SPAG	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
		SPP	Schools Partnership Programme
		SSM	Space, Shape, Measures (EYFS Goal)
		SSP	School Strategic Plan
		S&L	Speech and Language
TA	Teaching Assistant	VA	Voluntary Aided
TAC	Team Around the Child (third level of safeguarding input)	VC	Voluntary Controlled
TAF	Team Around the Family		
TLR	Teaching and Learning Responsibility		
TTST	Therapeutic Thinking Support Team		