



Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Common Acronyms

ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ASC	Autistic Spectrum Condition
BSA	Behaviour Support Assistant
DCD	Development Co-Ordination Difficulty (also termed Dyspraxia)
EAL	English as an Additional Language
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan. (A legally enforceable document that describes the special educational needs of the child and how these will be met.)
EP	Educational Psychologist
FSM	Free School Meals
FTE	Fixed Term Exclusion
G&T	Gifted and Talented
HI	Hearing Impairment
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
IBP	Individual Behaviour Plan
IEP	Individual Education Plan
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties. Definitions vary however, a common understanding is that there must be substantial difficulties (3+ years below standard progress in two or more of the following areas: literacy, numeracy, speech and language, social skills, memory, concentration – typically in conjunction with an exceptionally low score on an individual test of intelligence and notable low self-esteem/independence in learning.
PEX	Permanent Exclusion
PP	Pupil Premium

PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
SEBD	Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
SENCo	Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SpLd	Specific Learning Difficulties. (An umbrella term covering a wide range of identifiable difficulties. When these difficulties are clustered together, often more definitive subsets are used such as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, ADHD.)
VI	Visual Impairment