

Educational Jargon

The education system is full of abbreviations, terms and phrases.

The list below is just a few things you might come across and what they mean

If you want to know anything about any of these in more details please contact the school direct

A

A.D.D – Attention Deficit Disorder

A.D.H.D – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Admissions Authority – The body that decides the rules on how children will get a place at the school and who is offered a place.

Assessment – Ways of judging how well pupils are progressing

Attainment – What pupils accomplish

C

CamH – Child & Adolescent Mental Health

Catchment area – A defined geographical area from which a school takes its pupils

Catch up – Catch Up Literacy and Numeracy is a

Children's centres - these provide a one stop resource for young families, offering help and advice on everything from childcare to getting back to work

Chums – Childrens Help & Talk Service including bereavement counselling/support.

Curriculum – All the courses and learning opportunities a school offers, or a course of study being followed by a child

E

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.

Educational Psychologist

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

E.H.C. Plan – Educational Health Care Plan

Ehar – Early Help Assessment Review

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.

F

Faces – Family & Children's Service – consisting of volunteers who can offer additional support/someone to talk to for 3 hours a week.

Family Worker – To support children and families who might be experiencing difficulties, whether short or long-term. Liaise with all relevant agencies/professionals in the best interests of the child and family.

Foundation Stage- The Foundation Stage is Nursery and Reception

G

Governing body - The governors, with the head teacher, have overall responsibility for the school. They work for the school unpaid.

K

KS1 - Key Stage 1 - 5-7 years old

KS2 – Key Stage 2 7-11 years old

L

LAC – Looked After Child – being supported by the Local Authority.

Local Authority -

Learning Difficulty – If a child has a learning difficulty s/he find it much harder to learn than most children of the same age do.

M

M.D.S. Midday Supervisor

O

O.F.S.T.E.D (Office For Standards in Education) – the body which inspects state funded schools. OFSTED inspectors produce education reports to help improve schools

P

P.E.P – Personal Education Plan

Phonics – Phonics is a system of breaking down words into smaller components of sounds

P.S.H.E – Personal, Social and Health Education. PSHE covers all everyday life skills such as having a balanced lifestyle; hygiene and friendship

S

Safeguarding – Everyone is responsible for ensuring children are safe from abuse/harm etc.

S.A.T.s – standard Attainment tests. SATs re the National curriculum tests that happen at ages 7, 11 and 14

S.E.N.D. – Special Educational Needs and Disability. A legal definition, referring to children who have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn or access education than most children of the same age.

S.E.N.D.Co – Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator

Support plan

T

Targets – The individual goals set for a child. Targets are a way of checking the pupil's progress

T.A. – Teaching Assistant

TAF – Team Around the Family – support from various agencies to families who might be experiencing difficulties and would benefit from additional support.