

Abbreviation	Definition
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is a group of behavioural symptoms that include inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsiveness
Advocacy	Support for people to express their views
Annual Review	A review of a statement of Special Educational Needs (now being replaced by an Education Health Care (EHC) plan), which an education authority must undertake at least every 12 months.
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them.
AAC	Augmentative and alternative communication system – “add on” to speech e.g. PECS
APDR	Assess, Plan, DO, Review
BEAM	Barnet Early Autism Model
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: These services assess and treat children and young people with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties.
Care Plan	A record of the health and/or social care services that are being provided to a child or young person to help them manage a disability or health condition.
Caseworker	A named officer of the local authority who will deal with your child's case and who will talk to you if you have an enquiry or concern.
Clinical Psychologist	Focuses on the treatment and diagnosing of mental and emotional disorders
DCD	Developmental Coordination Disorder
DLA	Disability Living Assessment
DMO	Designated Medical Officer
EHC plan	Education, Health and Care plan: An EHC plan details the education, health and social care support to be provided to a child or young person who has SEN or a disability. It is drawn up by the local authority after an EHC needs assessment of the child or young person has determined that an EHC plan is necessary.
Educational Psychologist:	Helps in assessing your child’s special educational needs and giving advice to schools
EQA	Equality Act 2010
HLTA ,TA, LSA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant Teaching Assistant Learning Support Assistant/Mentor
Local Authority	The council
Local Offer	Local authorities in England are required to set out in their Local Offer information about provision they expect to be available across

	education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEN or are disabled.
Mediation	This is a statutory service commissioned by local authorities which is designed to help settle agreements between parents or young people and local authorities over EHC needs assessments and plans.
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties: A student with moderate learning difficulties is understood to display significant delay in reaching developmental milestones and may have much greater difficulty than their peers in acquiring basic literacy and numeracy skills. They may also have associated speech and language delay, low levels of concentration and under-developed social, emotional and personal skills.
MENCAP	A charity that supports families
Outcome	Describes a difference that will be made to an individual as a result of a special education and or provision
Parent Carer Forum	A group of parents and carers of disabled children who work with local authorities, education, health and other providers to make sure the services they plan and deliver meet the needs of disabled children and families.
Personal Budget	An amount of money identified by the local authority to deliver provision set out in an EHC plan where the parent or young person is involved in securing that provision. The funds can be held directly by the parent or young person, or may be held and managed on their behalf by the local authority.
PMLD	Profound and multiple learning disability: This diagnosis is used when a child has more than one disability, with the most significant being a learning disability. Many children diagnosed with PMLD will also have a sensory or physical disability, complex health needs, or mental health difficulties.
PSTT	Pre School Teaching Team – Specialist Early Years Teachers working with families to support the identification and planning for children with complex needs
PEP	Personal Education Plan for Looked After Child
Provision Map	The way the setting records the programmes in place to support young peoples needs
Respite Care (also known as Short Breaks):	Identified package of support to give parent/carers a break from caring. Short breaks can be overnight care for the child/young person with disabilities, activities or a carer. Families may also be receiving support from the Children with Disabilities Service.
SEN	Special Educational Needs: A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made.

SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: The teacher with responsibility for the planning and monitoring of the special educational provision within your child's school.
SENDIAS	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice Service: Provides information and support to parents/carers whose children have special educational needs.
SEN Code of Practice	A statutory government document which provides practical advice to those carrying out their statutory duties to identify, assess and make provision for children's special educational needs.
SEN Provision	The additional or different help/support given to children with special educational needs, designed to help them access the National Curriculum.
SENs Plan	Sen Support Plan
SLD	Severe Learning Disabilities
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability
Special School:	A school that is organised to make special educational provision for pupils with SEN and available for children with Statements of Educational Needs/EHC plans.
Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)	Speech and language therapy is a health care profession, the role and aim of which is to enable children, young people and adults with speech, language and communications difficulties to reach their maximum communication potential
SEN Governor	The governor with responsibility for SEN
Statutory Assessment	A detailed assessment of a child's special educational needs, which informs the EHC plan
SCERTS	Social Communication Emotional Regulation Transactional Support
SEMH	Social Emotional Mental Health
Transition Plan	A plan drawn up after the Year 9 Annual Review of a statement/EHC plan that draws together information from a range of individuals to plan for the young person's transition to adult life. It can be plan drawn up for any transition
TAS	Team Around Setting
TAC	Team Around the Child
Triple P	Parenting Programme
VI	Visual Impairment
Visuals	A must to support young people