

Glossary of terms

There are many SEND terms that are abbreviated which can lead to confusion. Below is a glossary of the most commonly used terms and abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Definition
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
CAMHS	Child and Mental Health Service
COP	Code of Protection
CP	Child Protection
EAL	English as an Additional Language
EHA	Early Help Assessment
EHC	Education Health and Care Plan
ELSA	Emotional Literacy Support Assistant
EP	Educational Psychologist
FSM	Free School Meals
HI	Hearing Impairment
IEP	Individual Education Plan
LAC / CiC	Looked After Child / Child in Care
LEA	Local Education Authority
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty
NC	National Curriculum
OT	Occupational Therapist
PBS	Primary Behaviour Service
PD	Physical Disability
SaLT	Speech and Language Therapy
SEMH	Social, Emotional, Mental Health
SEND	Special Educational Needs & Disability
SENDCo	Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator
SLCN	Speech Language and Communication
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
VI	Visual Impairment