



Jargon Buster!

We tend to use lots of 'initials' when talking about Special Educational Needs. This guide explains some of them for you.

These are some of the Individual Needs we support:

ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ASC	Autistic Spectrum Condition
DCD	Developmental Coordination Disorder (Dyspraxia)
HI	Hearing Impairment
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
PD	Physical Difficulties
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty (usually Dyslexia)
VI	Visual Impairment



These are used in school:

AEN	Additional Educational Needs
CLA	Child(ren) Looked After
EAL	English as an Additional Language
LA	Local Authority
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities
SENCo	Special Educational Needs Coordinator

These are Government departments or initiatives:

DfE	Department for Education
NC	National Curriculum
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
SENDA	SEN and Disability Act

These are Council Agencies:

ASCT	Autism and Social Communications Team
EP	Educational Psychologist
OT	Occupational Therapy
PT	Physiotherapy

These are about support for children:

AR	Annual Review
ILP	Individual Learning Plan
EHCP	Education and Health Care Plan