

Jargon Buster

Common education and related terminology used in school.

Academy Academies are independent state-funded schools. These schools have more freedom over their finances, the curriculum they teach and teachers' pay and conditions. These schools are funded directly by central government rather than by the local authority. Some academies are sponsored and these sponsors can come from a range of backgrounds (businesses, other successful schools, universities, charities and faith bodies). Sponsors are held accountable for improving the performance of their schools.

AfL - [Assessment for Learning](#) - From September 2009, all UK schools were expected to implement an assessment for learning program. Day-to-day assessments would include effective questioning; observations of children during teaching and while they are working; holding discussions with children; analysing work and reporting to children; conducting tests and giving quick feedback.

APP - Assessing Pupils' Progress - APP is a structured approach to periodically assessing maths, science, reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.

Curriculum – National Curriculum (**NC**). A framework which sets out what pupils should be learning. Teachers plan and deliver lessons based on the National Curriculum.

DfE - [The Department for Education](#) - They responsible for education and children's services in England.

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.

EBD - Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages or English as a Second or Other Language - If English is not your main language you can take part in a course to help you improve your English. These courses are called ESOL.

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.

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

FMS – Free School Meals. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals. The criteria for this has been set out by the local authority.

G & T - Gifted and Talented

Genres. A type of text e.g. diary writing, non chronological reports, stories with a familiar setting.

GTP – Graduate Teacher Programme. We occasionally have members of teaching staff who are completing the Graduate Teacher Programme under the guidance of the school.

HLTA - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

ICT - Information and Communication Technology

INSET - In-Service Education and Training - Training days for teachers which takes place during the school year.

ITT - Initial Teacher Training

KS1 - Key Stage One - 5-7 years old. Years 1 & 2.

KS2 – Key Stage Two. - 7-11 years old. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

LA - Local Authority

LSA – Learning Support Assistant. Learning Support Assistants work on a one to one basis, providing support and care to individual pupils.

NC – National Curriculum. A framework which sets out what pupils should be learning. Teachers plan and deliver lessons based on the National Curriculum.

NLS – National Literacy Strategy. A framework for Literacy which sets out what pupils should be learning. Teachers plan and deliver Literacy (English) lessons based on the National Literacy Strategy.

LSP - Learning Support Plan

MFL - Modern Foreign Languages. Refers to the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages such as French.

MTS – Meal Time Supervisor. Members of staff who have responsibility for lunchtime.

MLD - Moderate Learning Difficulties

NQT - Newly Qualified Teacher

Ofsted - [The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills](#) is an independent organisation, which reports directly to Parliament. Ofsted inspects and regulates services, which care for children and young people and those providing education and skills for learners of all ages. Ofsted sets out to raise standards in British schools through regular inspections.

PE - Physical Education Refers to the teaching of physical education, including games, athletics.

PPA - Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time PPA Release time for teachers to complete the stated tasks. Children are divided into different activities and taught by a variety of different teachers / providers.

PSHE - Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

QTS - Qualified Teacher Status

RE - Religious Education

SATs - Standard Attainment Tests/Tasks - National Curriculum Tests and Tasks which take place at the end of Key Stage 1 and at the end of Key Stage 2.

SEN - Special Educational Needs Provision - Support for pupils with learning difficulties.

SENDCO - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

SLD - Severe Learning Difficulties

SLT - Senior Leadership Team

SMSC- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

TA – Teaching Assistant. Teaching Assistants work to support pupils. They work alongside class teachers

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