



Jargon Buster for our families

To our #teamabbey families

We understand that navigating through educational terminology and acronyms can be a daunting task, especially when it comes to your child's education. To help clarify any confusing words or phrases you may come across, we have put together a Jargon Buster for families following the 2014 National Curriculum in England curriculum.

Here are some key terms and acronyms that you may encounter:

- **Academy:** A state-funded school independent of local authority control, operated as a self-governing non-profit charitable trust.
- **AfL (Assessment for Learning):** The process of seeking and interpreting evidence for use by learners and teachers to track progress and plan next steps in learning.
- **ASC (ASD):** Autism Spectrum Condition, sometimes referred to as ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).
- **Blending:** Drawing individual sounds together to pronounce a word.
- **Cic:** Children in Care.
- **CLA:** Children Looked After.
- **CPD:** Continuing Professional Development.
- **CPOMS:** Child Protection Online Management System.
- **CSS:** Children's Support Service (formerly known as Pupil Referral Unit).
- **CSW:** Child Support Worker.
- **DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service):** The agency responsible for safeguarding checks.
- **DfE:** Department for Education.
- **DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- **EAL:** English as an Additional Language.
- **EBD:** Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties.
- **EHC Plan:** Educational Health Care Plan.
- **EMTAS:** Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service.
- **EWO:** Education Welfare Officer.

Continuing on, some more terms you may encounter include:

- **EYFS:** Early Years Foundation Stage.
- **FSM:** Free School Meals.

- **GCSE:** General Certificate of Secondary Education.
- **HI:** Hearing Impairment.
- **HLTA:** Higher Level Teaching Assistant.
- **HMI:** Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools.
- **Inclusion:** Removing barriers in learning for all pupils.
- **INSET:** In-Service Education and Training.
- **KS (Key Stage):** Stages of the national curriculum.
- **LA:** Local Authority.
- **LAC:** Looked After Children.
- **MLD:** Moderate Learning Difficulties.
- **M&H:** Moving and Handling.
- **NC:** National Curriculum.
- **Ofsted:** Office for Standards in Education.
- **PE:** Physical Education.
- **Phonics:** Method for teaching English reading and writing.
- **PPA:** Planning, Preparation, and Assessment time.

Lastly, some additional terms are:

- **PMLD:** Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties.
- **PRU:** Pupil Referral Unit.
- **PSHRE:** Personal Social Health Relationships Education.
- **PTA:** Parent Teacher Association.
- **Pupil Premium:** Funding for eligible pupils.
- **PPG+:** Funding for Children Looked After.
- **SATs:** Standard Attainment Tests/Tasks.
- **SCR:** Single Central Record.
- **SEND:** Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- **SENDCO:** Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator.
- **SDP:** School Development Plan.
- **SEMH:** Social Emotional Mental Health.
- **SaLT:** Speech and Language Team.
- **SLCN:** Speech Language Communication Need.

- **SLD:** Severe Learning Difficulties.
- **SLT:** Senior Leadership Team.
- **SMSC:** Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development.
- **Sports Premium:** Funding for additional PE and sport.
- **TAC:** Team around the Child.
- **TAF:** Team around the Family.
- **VI:** Visual Impairment.

We hope that this Jargon Buster for families will demystify any confusing terms and acronyms you encounter within the realm of education. If you have any further queries or require additional clarification on any specific terms, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's education.

Warm regards,

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