

Cloverlea Primary School



Common SEN Acronyms

A Useful Guide for Parents and Carers

When you have a child with special educational needs you may see lots of abbreviations you may not understand. Here is a quick guide to some of the most commonly used:

ASD	Autistic Spectrum Condition/Disorder
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit/ and Hyperactivity Disorder
BESD	Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
EAL	English as an Additional Language
EP	Educational Psychologist
EHC	Education, Health and Care (assessment / plan)
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
GLD	General Learning Difficulties
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
IBP	Individual Behaviour Plan
IEP	Individual Education Plan
LA	Local Authority
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
MSI	Multi-Sensory Impairment
NC	National Curriculum
OT	Occupational Therapy
PYPPS	Parent and Young People Partnership Service
SEAL	Social Emotional Aspects of Learning
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SENAS	Special Educational Needs Advisory Service
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SLT/SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. Dyslexia, Dyscalculia)
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
TA	Teaching Assistant