Glossary of common SEN terms



ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder, including Asperger's Syndrome
CAL	Communication and Language (team)
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
EHC	Education Health Care plan
ELSA	Emotional Literacy Support Assistant
EMTAS	Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
HI	Hearing Impairment
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IDP	Inclusion Development Programme
IPA	Inclusion Partnership Agreement
LA	Local Authority
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills
ОТ	Occupational Therapist
SENCo	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
PD	Physical Disability
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
ТА	Teacher Adviser (can also refer to Teaching Assistant)
VI	Visual Impairment
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
Local Offer	Every Local Authority is required to publish information about services they expect to be available for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities aged 0-25 years.
SEN report	This sets out detailed information about implementation of the government's policy for pupils with SEN. It includes arrangements for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils/students with SEN.