

List of Education Acronyms

A-level	Advanced level	CPD	Continuing professional development
Academy	Publicly funded independent school (run by an academy trust which employs the staff)	CTF	Common transfer file
Access to Higher Education Diploma	Courses designed to prepare those without traditional qualifications for study at university	D&T	Design and technology
ADD	Attention deficit disorder	DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly the Criminal Records Bureau)
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	DFC	Devolved formula capital
AfL	Assessment for Learning	DfE	Department for Education
All-through school	Provides both primary and secondary education	DHT	Deputy Headteacher
APS	Average point score	DPA	Data Protection Act 1988
AQA	Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	DSBM	Diploma of School Business Management
AS-level	Advanced subsidiary level	DSG	Dedicated Schools Grant
ASCL	Association of School and College Leaders	EAL	English as an additional language
ASD	Autistic spectrum disorder	EBacc	English baccalaureate
ASP	Analyse School Performance Service (replaced RAISEonline in April 2017)	EBD	Emotional and behavioural disorder
ATL	Association of Teachers and Lecturers	EBITT	Employment-based initial teacher training provider
BME	Black and minority ethnic	EHRC	Equality and Human Rights Commission
BSL	British sign language	ELCI	Employers' liability (compulsory) insurance
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	EMAS	Ethnic minority achievement service
CAT	Cognitive ability test	EPS	Education psychology service
CFR	Consistent financial reporting	ESG	Education Services Grant
Cluster	Group of schools that come together for a particular purpose	ESFA	Education & Skills Funding Agency
Community schools	State schools in England & Wales that are wholly owned and maintained by the local authority. The LA has main responsibility for deciding arrangements for admitting pupils	Extended school	A school that provides a range of services and activities often beyond the school day to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community
Community special schools	The special school equivalent of community schools which cater wholly or mainly for children with statutory statements of special educational needs	EWO	Education welfare officer
COSHH	Control of substances hazardous to health	EWS	Education welfare service
		EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
		EYP	Early years practitioner
		EYPS	Early years professional status

FE	Further education	KS1/2/3/4/5	Key Stages 1/2/3/4/5
Federation	A formal agreement by which up to 5 schools share a single governing board	LA	Local authority
FFT	Fischer Family Trust	Leadership group	Headteachers, deputy heads, assistant heads, bursars and others as decided by the headteachers and/or the governors
FGB	Full governing board	LGA	Local government association
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation	LM	Learning mentor
FOIA	Federation of Information Act	LSA	Learning support assistant
Foundation school	A state-funded school in which the GB has greater freedom than a community school in the running of the school	LSCB	Local safeguarding children board
Foundation special school	A foundation school that caters wholly or mainly for children with statutory statements of special educational needs	LSU	Learning support unit
Free school	All-ability, state-funded school set up following local demand, not controlled by the LA	MFL	Modern foreign languages
		Middle school	A school with KS2 and KS3 pupils. Depending on the age balance of those pupils, the school can be deemed primary or secondary
FSM	Free school meals	MIS	Management information system
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education	MLE	Managed learning environment
GRT	Gypsy Roma Traveller pupils	MLD	Moderate learning difficulties
G&T	Gifted & talented	MPS	Main pay scale
HLTA	High level teaching assistant	NAHT	National Association of Headteachers
HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools	NAPTA	The National Association of Professional Teaching Assistants
HMI	Her Majesty's Inspectorate	NASBM	The National Association of School Business Management
HND	Higher national diploma	NASUWT	Teachers' union
HoD	Head of department	NCTL	National College for Teaching and Leadership (also known as National College)
HoY	Head of year	NC	National Curriculum
HSE	Health and Safety Executive	NFER	National Foundation for Educational Research
ICT	Information and communication technology	NGA	National Governance Association
IEB	Interim executive board	NLE	National Leaders of Education
IEP	Individual education plan	NLG	National Leaders of Governance
iiP	Investors in People	NOR	Number on roll
INSET	In-service education and training		
ITE	Initial teacher education		
ITT	Initial teacher training		

NPQH	National Professional Qualification for Headship	SACRE	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
NQT	Newly qualified teacher	SCITT	School-centred initial teacher training
NSS	National support school	SDP	School development plan
NUT	National Union of Teachers	SEAL	Social and emotional aspects of learning
OCR	Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations	SEF	Self-evaluation framework/form
OEAP	Outdoor education advisers' panel	SEN	Special educational needs
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	SENCO	Special educational needs co-ordinator
OTTP	Overseas trained teacher programme	SEND	Special educational needs and disability
PAN	Published admission number	SES	Socio-economic status
PE	Physical education	SGOSS	School Governors' One Stop Shop
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education	SIP	School improvement plan
PM	Performance management	SLCN	Speech, language and communication needs
PMLD	Profound and multiple learning disabilities	SLD	Severe learning difficulties
PPA	Preparation, planning and assessment (time)	SLT	Senior leadership team
PPP	Public private partnership	SMSC	Spiritual, moral, social and cultural
Prevent Duty	Guidance for schools and childcare providers on preventing children and young people from being drawn into terrorism.	SMT	Senior management team
PRP	Performance-related pay	STPCD	School Teacher's Pay and Conditions Document
PRU	Pupil referral unit	STRB	School teachers' review body
PSED	Public sector equality duty	TA	Teaching assistant
PSHE	Personal, social and health education	Teaching school	Outstanding school that works with other schools to provide high-quality training and development to new and experienced school staff
PSHEE	Personal, social, health and economic education	TESS	Traveller education service
PSVE	Personal, social and vocational education	TLR	Teaching and learning responsibility
PSP	Pastoral support programme	TNA	Training needs analysis
PTA	Parent-teacher association	TOIL	Time off in lieu
QCF	Qualifications & Credit Framework	VA	Value added
QTS	Qualified teacher status	VA school	Voluntary aided school maintained by the LA
RAISEonline	Replaced by ASP April 2017	VC school	Voluntary controlled school, maintained by the LA
RAP	Raising attainment programme	VfM	Value for money
		VLE	Virtual learning environment
		WRL	Work-related learning

