



Newfield Guide to Frequently Used Abbreviations and Jargon Busting!

The aim of this guide is to help parents and carers to better understand abbreviations that they may hear professionals use, or they might read in minutes of meetings or information received from school, health, financial agencies or social care.

A		C	
AA	Attendance Allowance	CDC	Council for Disabled Children
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	CIN	Child In Need
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	CIOC	Children In Our Care
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	CLC	City Learning Centre
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour	CofE	Church of England
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder	CSO	Child Support Officer
ASC	Autistic Spectrum Condition	CP	Child Protection
AHT	Assistant Head Teacher	CAF	Children and Families Assessment
B		D	
BSL	British Sign Language	DLA	Disability Living Allowance
BwD	Blackburn with Darwen	DfE	Department for Education
		DHT	Deputy Head Teacher
C		DP	Direct Payments
C&YP	Children and Young People	DSA	Disabled Students Allowance
CA	Carers Allowance	DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
CAB	Citizen's Advice Bureau		
CADS	Children's Advice and Duty Service		
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services		
CANW	Child Action North West		
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group		

E		L	
EFA	Education Funding Agency	LA	Local Authority
EHE	Elective Home Education	LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer
EHC	Education Health and Care	LD	Learning Disabilities
EHCP	Education Health and Care Plan	LO	Local Offer
ELCAS	East Lancs Child and Adolescent Support		
EP	Educational Psychologist		
EWO	Education Welfare Officer (now known as Inclusion Officer)		
F		M	
FIS	Family Information Service	MASH	Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
FWC	Family Wellbeing Coordinator	MAT	Multi Academy Trust
FHW	Family Help Worker	MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty
H		N	
HI	Hearing Impaired	NAS	National Autistic Society
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant	NASEN	National Association for Special Educational Needs
		NHS	National Health Service
I		O	
IEP	Individual Education Plan	OT	Occupational Therapist
ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference		
IO	Inclusion Officer		
IRO	Independent Reviewing Officer		
IS	Independent Support		
ICB	Integrated Care Board (NHS)		

P		S	
PCP	Person Centred Planning	SENDIST	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Tribunal
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System	SENDSS	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Support Service
PEP	Personal Education Plan	SGO	Special Guardianship Order
PCT	Primary Care Trust	SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
PD	Physical Disability	SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
PIP	Personal Independence Payments	SLT or SaLT	Speech and Language Therapy
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties	SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)
PRSP	Primary Resourced Specialist Provision	SSA	Special Support Assistant
		SW	Social Worker
R		T	
RCPC	Review Child Protection Conference	TAF	Team Around the Family
RC	Roman Catholic		
		V	
		VI	Visual Impairment
S		Y	
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties	YOT	Youth Offending Team
SEN/SEND	Special Education Needs/and Disabilities	YOI	Young Offenders Institute
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator	YP	Young Person
SENDIASS	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information and Advice Support Service		

This guide is one of a series of guides that have been developed by the Family Wellbeing Coordinators at Newfield School. The aim is to provide our families with useful information about local and national services, groups, activities etc. The information contained was correct when the guides were completed but it is the responsibility of parents and carers to contact any service they wish to access prior to attending, or to check that a specific activity, service or group is suitable for their child to attend. The relevant contact details are listed to assist you. It would be helpful if parents and carers notify the Family Wellbeing Coordinators should they discover any details to be incorrect or that groups are no longer taking place so that the guides can be updated. The Family Wellbeing Co-ordinators will aim to update the guides every 6 months and publish the updated versions on the school's website.