

*Education is a minefield as far as acronyms and abbreviations are concerned. We hope this guide will help you pick your way through the Ed-speak jungle!*

**AO:** Administrative Officer

**CLA:** Child: Looked After [Was a LAC – Looked After Child]

**CPD:** Continuing Professional Development

**CSD:** Children’s Services Department

**CYPP:** Children and Young People’s Plan

**DBS:** Disclosure Barring Service (was CRB!)

**DfE:** Department for Education

**EBD:** Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

**ECM:** Every Child Matters

**Ed. Psych:** Educational Psychologist (often referred to as EP)

**ELSA:** Early Learning Support Assistant

**EOTAS:** Education other than at school

**EPS:** Education Personnel Services

**ESL (E2L):** English as a Second Language

**EWO:** Educational Welfare Officer

**FFT:** Fischer Family Trust data

**FSM:** Free School Meals

**GNVQ:** General National Vocational Qualification

**HLTA:** Higher Level Teaching Assistant

**HMI:** Her Majesty’s Inspector: The National Inspectorate for Education

**INSET:** In-Service Education and Training of Teachers

**ICT:** Information Communication Technology: Computers etc

**IEP:** Individual Education Plan

**IP:** Improvement Partner.

**KS:** Key Stages within the National Curriculum: Pupils are phased under stages

Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Key Stages 1,2,3 and 4, the phases ending at the close of the school year in which the child becomes

7,11,14 and 16. Thus KS 1 covers ages 5 - 7, & so on.

**LA:** Local Authority

**LAC –** Looked After Child

**LSA:** Learning Support Assistant

**MFL:** Modern Foreign Languages

**MLD:** Moderate Learning Difficulty

**NC:** National Curriculum

**NCSL:** National College of School Leadership

**NOR:** Number on Roll: The total number of pupils on the school's register

**NPQH:** National Professional Qualification for Headship - a qualification to prepare people for headship

**NPQICL:** National Professional Qualification for Integrated Centre Leaders

**NQT:** Newly Qualified Teacher

**NVQ:** National Vocational Qualification

**OFSTED:** Office for Standards in Education: The agency set up by the Government to administer school inspections.

**P levels:** Pre-levels, used to assess pupils pre-national curriculum achievements.

**PPA:** Planning, Preparation and Assessment time

**PP:** Pupil Premium

**PSE:** Personal, Social Education

**QCA:** Qualifications and Curriculum Authority

**QTS:** Qualified Teacher Status.

**RAG:** Red, Amber (Orange), Green. Used to assess whether a target has been met or is on track (green), needs work but not completed (orange), or has not been started or is missing the required target (Red)

**RE:** Religious Education

**RI or Reggie:** Registered Inspector: The inspector who leads the inspection team in a school.

**SACRE:** Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

**SIMS:** A financial and human resources computer system used by Northamptonshire County Council and majority of schools in the county

**SATS:** Standard Assessment Tasks: Activities designed to find out what level a child is at in national curriculum subjects. This term is still often used by schools but the correct description is now: End of Key Stage Assessments: Teacher assessments and tests taken by pupils at the end of the key stage 1, 2 and 3 to determine what level each pupil has reached in certain national curriculum subjects. In some cases levels are subdivided into grades a, b & c.

**SEAL:** Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

**SEF:** Self Evaluation Form

**SEN:** Special Educational Needs

**SENCO:** Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

**SIP:** (now referred to as IP) School Improvement Person

**SIP:** School Improvement Plan

**SLD:** Severe Learning Difficulties

**SLT:** Senior Leadership Team

**SSE:** School Self-evaluation

**SSIM:** Strategic School Improvement Manager

**SSP:** School Strategic Plan

**TA:** Teaching Assistant

**TLR:** Teaching and Learning Responsibilities

**WFR:** Workforce remodelling