

Glossary of Terms

A

Academy

A publicly funded self-governing school that provides free education to pupils of all abilities (can be primary, secondary or special)

ADD

Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD

Attention Deficit Hyper Activity Disorder

AfL

Assessment for Learning

APP

Assessing Pupils' Progress

APS

Average Point Score

AQA

Assessment and Qualifications Alliance

ARA

Assessment and Reporting Arrangements

ASD

Autistic Spectrum Disorder

AST

Advanced Skills Teacher

B

BESD

Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties

BIP

Behaviour Improvement Programme

BME

Black and Minority Ethnic

BSQM

Basic Skills Quality Mark

BSL

British Sign Language

C

CAF

Common assessment framework

CAMHS

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

CEOP

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

CF

Cystic fibrosis

CFR

Consistent financial reporting

Cluster

Group of schools that comes together for a particular purpose

CofE/CE

Church of England

Community school

A state school in England and Wales that is wholly owned and maintained by the local authority (LA). The LA has main responsibility for deciding arrangements for admitting pupils

Community Special School

The special school equivalent of a community school. Such a school caters wholly or mainly for children with statutory statements of special educational needs

COSHH

Control of substances hazardous to health

CPD

Continuing professional development

CYPP

Children and young people's plan

D

D&T

Design and technology

DBS

Disclosure and Barring Service

DCSF

Department for Children, Schools and Families (now DfE)

DDA

Disability Discrimination Act

DED

Disability equality duty

DFC

Devolved formula capital

DfE

Department for Education

DH

Department of Health

Diocese

The area to which a bishop's jurisdiction extends (only applicable to Catholic and CofE schools)

DPA

Data Protection Act

E**EAL**

English as an additional language

EBD

Emotional and behavioural difficulties

EHRC

Equality and Human Rights Commission

ELCI

Employers' Liability Compulsory Insurance

EMAS

Ethnic minority achievement service

EPS

Education Psychology Service

EVC

Educational visits coordinator

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

EWO

Education welfare officer

EWS

Education welfare service

EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage

F**FE**

Further education

Federation (hard)

A formal agreement by which two or more schools share a single governing body

Federation (soft)

A formal agreement by which two or more schools share elements of governance or establish a joint strategic committee, whilst retaining their individual governing bodies

FEI

Further education institution

FFT

Fischer Family Trust

FOIA

Freedom of Information Act

Foundation School

A school whose governing body is responsible for employment and admissions arrangements. The land and buildings are owned by the governing body or charitable foundation

Foundation Special School

A foundation school that caters wholly or mainly for children with statutory statements of special educational needs

Free school

An all-ability, independent, non-profit-making, state-funded school

FSM

Free school meals

G**GCSE**

General Certificate of Secondary Education

GNVQ

General National Vocational Qualification

GRT

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller

GRTP

Graduate and Registered Teacher Programmes. A collective term for the GTP and the RTP

G&T

Gifted and talented

GTP

Graduate Teacher Programme

H**HLTA**

Higher level teaching assistant

HMCI

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills

HMI

Her Majesty's Inspector

HND

Higher National Diploma

HPA

Health Protection Agency

HSE

Health and Safety Executive

I**ICT**

Information and Communication Technology

IEP

Individual education plan

IiP

Investors in People

INSET

In-Service Education and Training

ISR

Individual School Range

ITT

Initial Teacher Training

IWB

Interactive WhiteBoard

K**KS1/2/3/4/5**

Key Stages 1/2/3/4/5

L**LA**

Local authority

Leadership Group

Headteachers, deputy heads, assistant heads, bursars and others as decided by the headteachers and/or the governors

LSA

Learning support assistant

LSCB

Local safeguarding children board

M**MFL**

Modern Foreign Languages

MLD

Moderate Learning Difficulties

MPS

Main Pay Scale

N

NAHT

National Association of Head Teachers

NASUWT

Teachers' union

National College

The National College for Teaching and Leadership

NC

National Curriculum

NLE

National Leader of Education

NOR

Number On Roll

NPQH

National Professional Qualification for Headship

NQT

Newly Qualified Teacher

NUT

National Union of Teachers

NVQ

National Vocational Qualification

O

Ofsted

Office for Standards in Education

P

PE

Physical Education

PFI

Private Finance Initiative

PGCE

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

PM

Performance Management

PPA

Preparation, Planning and Assessment (time)

PRP

Performance-Related Pay

PRU

Pupil referral unit

PSHE

Personal, Social and Health Education

PTA

Parent Teacher Association

Q

QTS

Qualified Teacher Status

R

RAISEonline

Reporting and Analysis for Improvement through school Self-Evaluation. An interactive system that allows users to analyse school and pupil performance data

RIDDOR

Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations

S

SDP

School Development Plan

SEAL

Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

SEF

Self-Evaluation Framework/Form

SEN

Special Educational Needs

SENCO

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

SIP

School Improvement Plan

SIP

School Improvement Partner

SLCN

Speech, Language and Communication Needs

SLD

Severe Learning Difficulties

SLT

Senior Leadership Team

SMT

Senior Management Team

STPCD

School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document

T**TA**

Teaching Assistant

Teaching School

A school offering school-centred initial teacher training

TES

Times Educational Supplement

TES

Traveller Education Service

TLR

Teaching and Learning Responsibility

V**VA**

Value Added

VA School

Voluntary Aided School. Maintained by the LA, for which a foundation (generally religious) appoints most of the governing body

VC School

Voluntary Controlled School. Maintained by the LA, for which a foundation (generally religious) appoints some, but not most, of the governing body

VFM

Value For Money