

School Glossary

Teacher talk can be confusing!

Here are a few terms to help us understand each other better.

TA: Teaching Assistant. A TA will support all children in the class, small groups of pupils, giving them close support or individuals. A TA will also assist the teacher.

FSM: Free school meals. Currently available to all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and those whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits.

INSET: In-Service Educational Training – a day when teachers are in school but children are not.

NC: National Curriculum – teachers have to cover the subjects and skills within this document.

Ofsted: Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. A Government department which oversees the regulation and inspection of schools.

DBS: Disclosure and Barring Service. DBS is the result of a merge of the Criminal Records Bureau and the Independent Safeguarding Authority. A DBS allows you to work and help out in school..

Peripatetic Teacher: A teacher who gives specialist instruction in a number of schools, for example music.

PPA: Planning, preparation and assessment. Time legally set aside for teaching staff to be away from their class to prepare, mark and plan.

EYFS: Early Years Foundation Stage, sets the learning and development expected for Reception children.

Ed Psych: Educational psychologist who offers assessment and advice for children with special educational needs.

AIO: Attendance Improvement Officer, employed by the LA to monitor attendance.

KS1: Key Stage One. Years 1 & 2.

Infants: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

KS2: Key Stage Two Years 3,4,5,6

Juniors: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

SATs: Standard Assessment Tests set by the National Assessment Agency (NAA) and currently taken by pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 & 2.

PPG: Pupil Premium (Grant) is additional funding allocated to schools in England to support and promote the education of children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits, are in the armed forces, or who are adopted or cared for by someone other than their parents.

PSHCE: Personal, social, health, and citizenship education. Curriculum area for all aspects of personal development.

SENCo: Special Educational Needs Coordinator

SEN: Special Educational Needs: When pupils have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision.

SEN Code of Practice: A guide for schools and Local Authorities about the help they give to pupils with special educational needs.

SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disability

IPM: Individual Provision Map. A plan developed and

regularly reviewed by teachers, specialists and families to help children with SEN meet their full potential.

EHCP: Education Health Care Plan – A plan developed with a team of professionals for children with SEN who need an additional level of support than an IEP, to help meet their full potential.

SLCNT: Speech Language and Communication Therapy for children struggling in that area.

EAL: English as an additional language.

PSA: Parent and School Association. The PSA organises events to raise funds for the school.