



SEND Glossary, Key Terms & Acronyms

SEND

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - Support for children who have learning difficulties or disabilities that make learning harder than for most children of the same age.

SEN

Special Educational Needs - When a child needs extra help to learn or access education.

EHCP

Education, Health and Care Plan - A legal document that sets out a child's needs and the support they require across education, health, and social care.

Differentiation

Adapting teaching methods, tasks, or resources to meet the different learning needs of pupils.

SENCo

Special Educational Needs Coordinator - The teacher responsible for overseeing SEND provision in a school.

Provision Map

A plan showing what additional support or interventions a child is receiving.

Intervention

Extra teaching or support provided to help a child make progress.

Reasonable Adjustments

Changes made to remove barriers to learning for children with SEND (e.g., seating arrangements, visual aids).

Annual Review

A yearly meeting to review a child's EHCP and update it if needed.

Local Offer

Information published by the local authority about SEND services and support available in the area.

ASD

Autism Spectrum Disorder - A developmental condition that affects communication, social interaction, and behaviour.

ADHD

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder - A condition that affects attention, impulse control, and activity levels.

SEMH

Social, Emotional and Mental Health - Needs related to emotional wellbeing, behaviour, and mental health that affect learning.

SALT

Speech and Language Therapy - Specialist support for children with speech, language, and communication difficulties.

EP

Educational Psychologist - A professional who assesses learning, emotional, and behavioural needs and advises on support strategies.

MLD

Moderate Learning Difficulties - When a child has general learning difficulties that affect progress in most areas of the curriculum.

SLD

Severe Learning Difficulties - When a child has significant intellectual impairment and requires highly individualised support.

PMLD

Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties - Complex needs including severe learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

