

# Education acronyms

This is a list of acronyms mainly found associated with primary schools, academies and trusts.

It is not exhaustive and will be expanded as more examples are found.

Click on those items with a hyperlink to get more detail of the acronym.

Acronym	Definition
<a href="#">ACES</a>	Adverse Childhood Experiences
ACS	Average Class Size
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
<a href="#">AFI</a>	Area(s) for Improvement
<a href="#">AfL</a>	Assessment for Learning
AHT	Assistant Headteacher
<a href="#">AWPU</a>	Age Weighted Pupil Unit
<a href="#">BA</a>	Behaviour and Attitudes
BIP	Behaviour Improvement Plan
BME	Black and Ethnic Minority
<a href="#">CAF</a>	Common Assessment Framework
<a href="#">CAMHS</a>	Child and Adult Mental Health Services
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
<a href="#">CIF</a>	Common Inspection Framework
<a href="#">CIF</a>	Condition Improvement Fund
<a href="#">CIN</a>	Child in Need
CL	Communication & Language
CoG	Chair Of Governors
COMM	Communication & Language
COO	Chief Operations Officer
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
<a href="#">CPOMS</a>	Child Protection Online Management System
<a href="#">CRB</a>	Coping with Risky Behaviours
<a href="#">DARE</a>	Drug Abuse Resistance Education
DBE	Diocesan Board of Education
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service
DDE	Diocesan Director of Education
<a href="#">DFC</a>	Devolved Formula Capital

Acronym	Definition
DfE	Department for Education
DHT	Deputy Headteacher
DSL	Designated Safeguarding Lead
<a href="#">EAL</a>	English as an Additional Language
<a href="#">ECT</a>	Early Career Teacher ( <i>was NQT</i> )
<a href="#">EHCP</a>	Education Health and Care Plan
<a href="#">EIF</a>	Education Inspection Framework
<a href="#">ELG</a>	Early Learning Goals
<a href="#">ESFA</a>	Education and Skills Funding Agency
<a href="#">ESL</a>	English as a Second Language
<a href="#">EY(P)</a>	Early Years Provision
<a href="#">EYFS</a>	Early Years Foundation Stage
<a href="#">EWO</a>	Education Welfare Officer
<a href="#">FFT</a>	Fischer Family Trust
FGB	Full Governing Body
<a href="#">FPN</a>	Fixed Penalty Notice
<a href="#">FSM</a>	Free School Meals
FTE	Fixed Term Exclusion
<a href="#">GAG</a>	General Annual Grant
GD	Greater Depth
GLD	Good Level of Development (EY)
HMI	His Majesty's Inspector
HT	Headteacher
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
<a href="#">IEB</a>	Interim Executive Board
<a href="#">IEP</a>	Individual Education Plan/Programme
<a href="#">INSET</a>	In-Service Education and Training
IOSH	Integrating Occupational Safety and Health

Acronym	Definition
iPEP	Interactive PE Planner
ITAF	Interim Teacher Assessment Framework
<a href="#">KCSIE</a>	Keeping Children Safe in Education
KS1	Key Stage One (5-7yo)
KS2	Key Stage Two (8-11yo)
LA	Local Authority
<a href="#">LAC</a>	Looked After Children
LEA	Local Education Authority
<a href="#">LGB</a>	Local Governing Body
LLG	Leadership Learning Group
<a href="#">LM</a>	Leadership and Management
MASH	Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
<a href="#">MAT</a>	Multi-Academy Trust
NCC	Nottinghamshire County Council
NELI	Nuffield Early Language Intervention
<a href="#">NFF</a>	National Funding Formula
NGA	National Governance Association
NLE	National Leaders in Education
NLG	National Leader of Governance
NoR	Number On Roll
<a href="#">NPQ</a>	National Professional Qualification
-EL	-for Executive Leadership
-H	-for Headship
-LT	-for Leading Teacher
-SL	-for Senior Leadership
<a href="#">NQT</a>	Newly Qualified Teacher
<a href="#">Ofsted</a>	Office for Standards in Education
<a href="#">PACE</a>	Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy
<a href="#">PAN</a>	Planned Admission Number
<a href="#">PD</a>	Personal Development
PD	Physical Development
PE	Physical Education
<a href="#">PP(F)</a>	Pupil Premium (Funding)
<a href="#">PPA</a>	Planning, Preparation and Assessment
<a href="#">PRU</a>	Pupil Referral Unit
PSC	Phonics Screening Check

Acronym	Definition
PSED	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
<a href="#">PSHE</a>	Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PTR	Pupil Teacher Ratio
<a href="#">QE</a>	Quality of Education
QFT	Quality-First Teaching
QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
RAG (rating)	Red, amber, green
RAISEonline	Reporting and Analysis for Improvement Through School Self Evaluation
RBA	Reception Baseline Assessment
RE	Religious Education
RSC	Regional Schools Commissioner
RSHE	Relationships, Sex and Health Education
RWM	Reading, Writing and Maths
<a href="#">SACRE</a>	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
SALT	Speech and Language Therapy
<a href="#">SATs</a>	Statutory Assessment Tasks
<a href="#">SCR</a>	Single Central Record
SDP	School Development Plan
SEF	Self Evaluation Form
SEMH	Social, Emotional, and Mental Health
<a href="#">SEN(D)</a>	Special Educational Needs (and Disability)
<a href="#">SEN(D)CO</a>	Special Educational Needs (and Disability) Coordinator
<a href="#">SIAMS</a>	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools
<a href="#">SIMS</a>	School Information Management System
SIP	School Improvement Plan
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
SPaG	Spelling Punctuation and Grammar
<a href="#">STPCD</a>	School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document
TA	Teaching Assistant
TCaF	Trust Capacity Fund

Acronym	Definition
TEG	Trust Expansion Grant
<a href="#">TLR</a>	Teaching and Learning Responsibility
TSOI	Trust and School Improvement Offer
<a href="#">UPS</a>	Upper Pay Scale
<a href="#">UW</a>	Understanding the World ( <i>EYFS</i> )
VA	Voluntary Aided (School)
VC	Voluntary Controlled (School)

Acronym	Definition	Description
ACEs	Adverse Childhood Experiences	Highly stressful events in which a child is harmed directly, or lives in an adverse environment. They include physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect, and living in a household with parental mental health problems, domestic violence or substance misuse.
AFI	Area(s) for Improvement	Recommendations for improvement from an Ofsted inspection
AfL	Assessment for Learning	An approach, integrated into teaching and learning, which creates feedback for students and teachers in order to improve learning and guide their next steps.
AWPU	Age Weighted Pupil Unit	The sum of money allocated to the school for each pupil according to age. This is the basic unit of funding for the school.
BA	Behaviour and Attitudes	One of five areas judged by Ofsted during an inspection.
CAF	Common Assessment Framework	A process used to identify children's unmet needs and support them.
CAMHS	Child and Adult Mental Health Services	NHS services that assess and treat young people with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties.
CIF	Common Inspection Framework	Replaced by the Education Inspection Framework (EIF) in 2019)
CIF	Condition Improvement Fund	Annual bidding round for eligible academies, sixth-form colleges and voluntary-aided (VA) schools to apply for capital funding.
CIN	Child in Need	Definition under <b>Section 17 Children Act 1989</b> , of a child who requires additional support, normally from the LA, because of grounds of health, development or disability.
CPOMS	Child Protection Online Management System	Software application for monitoring child protection, safeguarding and a whole range of pastoral and welfare issues.
CRB	Coping with Risky Behaviours	NCC training programme to help school staff manage the risks associated with the challenging behaviours of young people.
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education	A police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children how to stay drug free and resist peer pressure.
DFC	Devolved Formula Capital	DfE allocation for individual schools and other eligible institutions to spend on capital projects that meet their own priorities.
EAL	English as an Additional Language	Provision of support for learners, for whom English is not their first language, to access a mainstream curriculum taught in English. ( <i>see also ESL</i> )
ECT	Early Career Teacher	The term early career teacher (ECT) replaced newly qualified teacher (NQT) in 2021.
EHCP	Education Health and Care Plan	The document which replaces statements of SEN and learning difficulties assessments for children and young people with special educational needs.
ELG	Early Learning Goals	The main targets for children to achieve by the end of their reception year.
ESFA	Education and Skills Funding Agency	Single agency accountable for funding education and training for children, young people and adults (formerly the EFA and SFA).
ESL	English as a Second Language	Study of the English language by non-native speakers in an English-speaking environment. ( <i>see also EAL</i> )

Acronym	Definition	Description
EWO	Education Welfare Officer	Professional worker who visits pupils' homes and deals with attendance problems and other welfare matters in co-operation with the school.
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	The statutory framework for early years education in England as defined in Childcare Act 2006.
FFT	Fischer Family Trust	Non-profit company that provides data and analyses to LAs and schools in England and Wales.
FPN	Fixed Penalty Notice	Penalty Notices are issued to parents as defined under Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, in relation to children of compulsory school age, when there is an unacceptable level of unauthorised absence from a school.
FSM	Free School Meals	Statutory benefit available to school- aged children from families who receive other qualifying benefits and who have been through the relevant registration process.
GAG	General Annual Grant	Main source of revenue funding for academy trusts
IEB	Interim Executive Board	Appointed by the LA, Regional Director or Trust Board in accordance with the Education Act 2006 to replace the governing body of an academy that is eligible for intervention.
EIF	Education Inspection Framework	Sets out how Ofsted inspects maintained schools, academies and other education establishments in England. Replaced CIF IN 2019.
EY(P)	Early Years Provision	One of five areas judged by Ofsted during an inspection.
IEP	Individual Education Plan/Programme	Individual education plan for pupils with special educational needs.
INSET	In-Service Education and Training	Dedicated training time for teachers and other school staff, often delivered during five 'INSET days' each academic year when pupils do not attend school.
KCSIE	Keeping Children Safe in Education	Statutory guidance that schools and colleges in England must have regard to when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
LAC	Looked After Children	Looked after children who are in the care of their local authority. May also refer to children who have been in care at any time in the last six years.
LGB	Local Governing Body	Committee of a trust board for an individual academy within a MAT – replaces FGB on academisation
LM	Leadership and Management	One of five areas judged by Ofsted during an inspection.
MAT	Multi-Academy Trust	A Trust in which two or more academies are governed by one board of trustees.
NFF	National Funding Formula	Standardised formula for school funding allocations across every mainstream state funded school in England.
NPQ	National Professional Qualification	Suite of DfE accredited qualifications for school leaders, designed to support professional development.
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher	The term early career teacher (ECT) replaced newly qualified teacher in 2021.

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education	Body which inspects education and training for learners of all ages and inspects and regulates care for children and young people.
PACE	Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy	Clinical psychological approach to engage with a child who has experienced trauma in their early life and who will often struggle to verbalise their emotions and history but will communicate through behaviour.
PAN	Planned Admission Number	Maximum number of children the admissions authority determines must be admitted to each 'relevant age group' (the age group at which pupils are normally be admitted to the school, eg reception).
PD	Personal Development	One of five areas judged by Ofsted during an inspection.
PP(F)	Pupil Premium (Funding)	Funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England
PPA	Planning, Preparation and Assessment	10% guaranteed non-contact time for teachers.
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	Alternative education provision for pupils unable to attend a mainstream school or special school.
PSHE	Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education	Subject through which pupils develop knowledge, skills and attributes needed to manage their lives, now and in the future.
QE	Quality of Education	One of five areas judged by Ofsted during an inspection.
SACRE	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	Statutory board in each local authority which advises on religious education and collective worship.
SATs	Statutory Assessment Tasks	National curriculum assessment in years two and six.
SCR	Single Central Record	A mandatory centralised record that schools must maintain containing all the pre-employment checks conducted on staff, including teachers, support staff and volunteers, to ensure they are suitable for working with children
SEN(D)	Special Educational Needs (and Disability)	Learning difficulties and/or disabilities for which special health and educational provision has to be made.
SEN(D)CO	Special Educational Needs (and Disability) Coordinator	Teacher responsible for co-ordinating SEND provision in the school/trust.
SIAMS	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools	System of inspection employed by the National Society, on behalf of the Church of England and Methodist Church, to fulfil their legal obligations under section 48 of the 2005 Education Act. It makes judgements on religious education, collective worship, and pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural (SMSC) education in CofE and Methodist schools.
SIMS	School Information Management System	Computer package to assist schools in managing information on pupils, staff and resources.
STPCD	School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document	Annually published document which forms a part of the contract of all teachers and headteachers in maintained schools in England. Aspire also follows the STPCD.
TLR	Teaching and Learning Responsibility	Payments made to teachers for undertaking additional leadership and management responsibility.

Acronym	Definition	Description
UPS	Upper Pay Scale	A pay range offering significantly higher pay than the main pay range.
UW	Understanding the World (EYFS)	One of the four specific areas of learning in the EYFS framework. It involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology, and the environment.