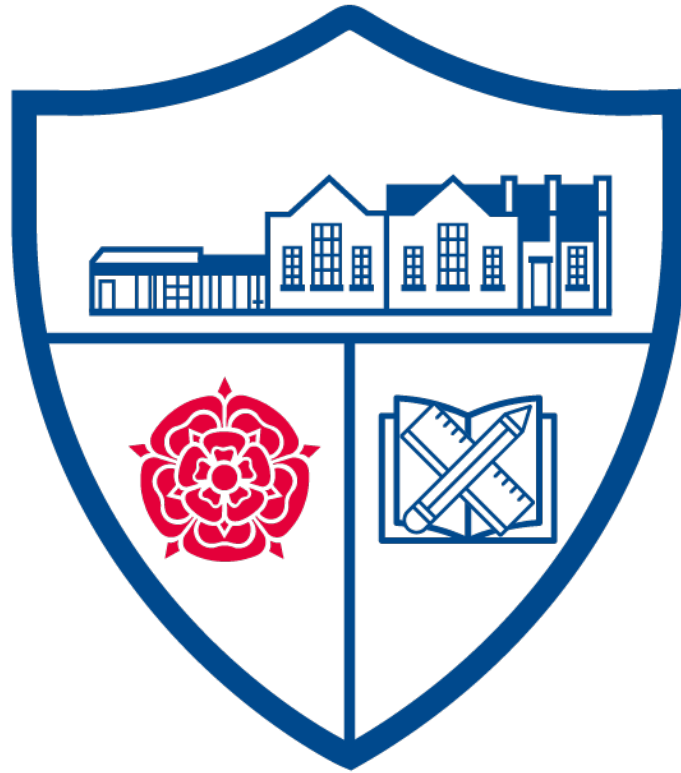


# West End Primary School



## Special Educational Needs Information Report and School's Contribution to the Local Offer

(In accordance with Children and Families Act (2014), Regulation 51, Part 3, section 69 - 3a)

*This Special Educational Needs Information Report (incorporating the School's Local Offer) should be read in conjunction with the school's Policy for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) which is available on the website.*

## What kinds of special educational needs do we provide for?

West End Primary School is a one form mainstream primary school. We have been providing high standards of education to children, including those with SEND for over 100 years. We believe good practice for pupils with special educational needs is good practice for all therefore we focus closely on good quality first teaching and adaptations for all.

## Who is the SENCo and how can parents contact them?

The school's SENCo is Mrs Whitaker, she works in school full time and can be contacted by email: [w.whitaker@westendprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:w.whitaker@westendprimaryschool.co.uk)

Alternatively, an appointment can be made via the school office by telephoning: **01254 234584**

Mrs Whitaker recently joined our school as SENCO and received their National SENCO Award in 2015. The Head Teacher Mr James McBride is a SEN Advocate and is more than happy to support and answer questions when needed.

## How do we identify a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and how do we assess their needs?

The identification of SEN is built into the overall approach to monitoring the progress and development of all pupils.

It is important that the school identifies pupils who experience difficulties accessing learning and general school life opportunities early. The identification process is laid out in detail within the school's Policy for Special Educational Needs and Disability.

The school Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) will oversee identification and support staff and parents to assess needs. If staff have initial concerns, this will be discussed with parents. The school may then, with parental permission, seek the advice of external agencies such as Inclusion Solutions (Specialist Teachers), a Speech and Language Specialist or the Special Educational Needs and Disability Support Service (SENDS). Additionally, some children may receive support from our National Health Service colleagues e.g. Speech Therapy (SaLT), Occupational Therapy (OT), Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs) etc.

## How do we involve parents and consult with them about their child's education? How do we help parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

The school's Policy for Special Educational Needs and Disability aims to develop partnerships with every parent and carer in the education of their child and to involve parents and pupils in the review process.

Parents and carers are valued and their contribution in terms of identification and support for pupils with SEN is fully recognised. Parents/carers with concerns about their child's learning should, in the first instance, contact the class teacher. School operates an 'open door policy' so parents can contact the school office at any time and we will do our best to arrange a meeting with you and the relevant member of staff and/or the Special Educational Needs Coordinator as soon as possible.

In addition, for children who are on the Special Educational Needs record and have Targeted Learning Plan (TLPs), the TLPs are written by staff and shared with parents termly. Parents are invited to discuss the TLP with the class teacher at any point in the process. We also send a copy of the previous TLP with an evaluation to show the progress the child has made against their targets.

For children with long-term, complex needs, it may be appropriate to request an Educational Health and Care Needs Assessment. This is a long and complicated process but school will guide parents through each step. We would also encourage parents to accept a referral to the Information and Advice Service (SENDIAS, formerly Parent Partnership Service). Their aim is 'to inform, support, assist and enable parents or carers, of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, to obtain the best possible educational outcomes for their child'. More information is available here: <https://lancssendias.org.uk/>.

Key school policies and other documents are available for all via the school's website and free copies of any policies are available at the school office upon request. These can be adapted if requested e.g. enlarged print. If necessary, interpreters of other languages would be bought in by school or policies and documents can be translated into other languages.

The Class Teacher, Headteacher and/or SENCo will be happy to help parents/carers to complete forms and paperwork when necessary. This may include reading documents, supporting with understanding of official paperwork (whether from within school or from other agencies) and possibly, in more complex cases, a referral to the Information and Advice Service, as above. Information, advice and guidance for families of children with SEND is available via the SENCo and/or links on our website and the Local Offer ([www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)).

## How do we involve and consult with the children about their education?

Children with SEND are involved as much as possible in discussions about their targets including how well they are progressing and what they need to do as a “next step”. They do this whilst working 1:1 with a teacher or teaching assistant. Adjustments can be made to the targets when necessary to suit the rate of progress.

### **How do we assess and review the progress that children make and how do we involve them and their parents?**

Assessment for all children is a continual process and takes many forms, as laid out in the school’s Policy on Teaching and Learning. For many children with SEND, the teacher’s assessment of need is sufficient to decide what is needed on a 1:1 basis through a TLP. For children with a higher level of need, assessment and target setting is carried out in conjunction with the SENCo and any relevant external specialists e.g. Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist etc.

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher, through the class teachers, to monitor the support and provision for pupils with SEN in their care. This work is co-ordinated by the school’s SENCo. Throughout the school, children’s progress in Mathematics and English is formally assessed by teachers every term. All of this information is monitored and evaluated to ensure that provision for all children is matched to their needs.

Additional assessments for children with potential or identified SEND can also be carried out by the SENCo, usually starting with targeted classroom observations. This may then lead to an Intervention Plan being developed, which will then be reviewed in 6 weeks to check progress. If more support is needed, staff will then complete a SNAP Assessment to identify specific needs and analyse next steps.

All TLPs have SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timed) targets which are regularly monitored throughout the term by the teaching assistant, backed up by the class teacher. If appropriate, the child is also encouraged to self-evaluate against their targets throughout the term with the teaching assistant and/or teacher. New targets are set as soon as each target is met. TLPs are formally reviewed and evaluated termly by the class teacher and/or SENCo, informed by the termly monitoring; this may involve getting further support from a Specialist or repeating assessments. A copy of a child’s TLP is sent home, along with a copy of the previous, evaluated TLP and parents are invited to discuss this with the class teacher, contributing to the evaluation / target setting if they wish. This is so that they can support their child in achieving their targets through activities in the home.

For children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, an annual review (6 monthly for under 5s) is carried out by the school in conjunction with the LA. Parents and external agencies are strongly encouraged to attend. Reviews in Y5 are used to begin to establish

the parent's choice of high school in order to assess the arrangements prior to the transfer. Depending on when the annual cycle of reviews falls, an additional review may be necessary in the summer term of Y5 to confirm parents' choice of high school and a further transition review, when a high school place has been allocated, will be convened and the high school SENCo invited.

## **How do we support our pupils with SEND as they move on to high school or move to another school?**

To support all the Y6 children with their transition to high school, a member of staff from each of the receiving secondary schools visits them and meets with their class teacher. All children are invited to attend open days at their new school in the summer term.

Additional visits to their new school will be arranged for pupils with SEND, supported by school staff if necessary. These usually take place in the summer term; the number of additional visits will depend on the needs of the child. The SENCos of the two schools will make sure all relevant inclusion information is transferred to ensure a smooth transition. This may be at a meeting and parents may be invited if requested. For children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, a more formal Transition Meeting involving all parties may be arranged to plan the transition process.

Where children with SEND move to another primary school, the SENCo will contact the SENCo of the receiving school to ensure all relevant information is shared. Parents planning such a move of their child, especially if their needs are more complex, are encouraged to give as much notice as possible to school so that all necessary arrangements can be put in place prior to the move.

## **What is our approach to teaching pupils with SEND?**

In accordance with the SEND Code of Practice, 2015, school does everything it can to meet children and young people's SEN. Pupils have access to additional provision on an evidenced-needs basis and we will endeavour to ensure all pupils' needs are fully met. This is embedded within the Graduated Approach section of the school's Policy for SEND which aims to provide full access to the National Curriculum and to encourage success and participation for all pupils, whatever their level of ability.

The key principles of this approach are laid out in the school's Policy for Special Educational Needs and Disability.

For all children with Special Educational Needs, the class teacher, SENCo and Teaching Assistants will liaise closely and make special arrangements in the class. This may involve grouping, a special programme of work, modified tasks, different seating arrangements or extra adult attention.

For most children, the class teacher and SENCo will make more detailed arrangements for a programme of support, including a Targeted Learning Plan (TLP) when required to provide Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-based (SMART) targets.

For children who have support from external agencies, provision involves the expertise of the relevant external professionals. Any advice (written or verbal) will be included in the TLP. There may be some direct input and advice from a specialist teacher from Inclusion Solutions or from other agencies such as Educational Psychology Services, NHS Speech and Language Therapy etc.

Where a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, the provision and approach to teaching this child is laid out in their EHCP.

For 25/26 there 12 part-time teaching assistants (TAs) working in school ensuring support in every class with some additional support to be deployed where and when the need arose including in-class support, the one-to-one delivery of SEN provision and small group interventions.

## **How do we adapt the curriculum and learning environment for children with SEND?**

If adaptations to the curriculum or learning environment are needed then we work hard to ensure that these adaptations are put in place and get support from Specialists if required.

Where required, cushions / supports will be provided, with specialist furniture and/or access equipment purchased, depending on the needs of the individual child. For more complex and expensive items, an Access and/or ICT Assessment will be requested and then the school will apply to the Local Authority for funding to purchase the recommended equipment. Parental consent is required for this.

We endeavour to teach in a multi-sensory manner to appeal to all types of learners. Some children's needs can be met through differentiated work, classroom adaptations and/or targeted support in class. Examples may include: Intervention groups or TA, classroom positioning, organisational aids (task ladder, visual timetables etc.), large print documents, coloured dry-wipe boards, coloured backgrounds to interactive whiteboards, specially adapted work books, coloured overlays and/or paper, pencil grip aid, voice recording devices, writing slopes and many more. We have a bank of resources to assist children with additional needs and are constantly evaluating and updating this to meet the needs of the children we have in school.

Other children may access targeted and time-limited small group interventions (usually in withdrawal from the classroom) e.g. further English and Maths support, Fine and/or Gross Motor Skills, Nurture, Social Skills or bespoke small group interventions. A very small minority of children will require a fully bespoke curriculum delivered through a Personalised Curriculum. This will depend on the needs of the child but could include having learning 'chunked' into bite-sized pieces where the range or depth of learning is adjusted to suit the child. This will be supported by Specialists to ensure that it caters to the needs of the child.

School have good links with Whiteash Special School. A weekly Sensory Group is carried out by a TA with support from the Specialists at Whiteash. Half termly the children in this group will get the opportunity to visit Whiteash and attend a sensory session and gain new ideas to develop the group further.

We have a range of ICT programmes for pupils with SEN (e.g. Nessy, Literacy Gold). Children have access to a laptop where necessary and there are interactive whiteboards in all classrooms.

Access arrangements for National Curriculum tests are in line with DfE guidelines which are issued each year. i.e. when children meet the prescribed criteria for extra time, rest breaks, a reader (for maths), a scribe, enlarged print etc.

### **What else do we do to make the school safe and accessible?**

The school is approached from the main road via Aspen Lane. There are three entrances to the school grounds, one wheel chair accessible.

There is a parking space designated for pupils who are disabled and parents can park here with the school's agreement.

Classrooms in KS1 and Year 3 are accessible from either classroom doors or the main entrance. Classes Y4, Y5 and Y6 are accessible from the rear entrance however there are steps to this area of the school. These classrooms can be accessed via another route.

There are two playgrounds and a wildlife area. The playground is accessible via a decking ramp. Unfortunately, the Astro turf and wildlife areas are only accessible via a series of stone steps.

There are limited facilities in relation to disabled access toilets. This has been identified as an issue for the school however there simply is not the space nor the funds to create a specialist toilet or welfare facilities.

When the school gates open, all children are handed over to staff by their parents/carers. Special arrangements are in place for some children with acute medical / social needs so that busy entrances to school can be avoided. All children from EYFS to Y3 are supervised as they leave school to ensure a safe handover. If someone other than a parent is collecting the children, school must be informed in advance. For children with SEND, specific collection/handover arrangements may be made (e.g. wheelchair users or if there is a risk of a child running away).

If appropriate, SEND children which are supported by dedicated staff at playtimes and lunch times. Teachers/Teaching Assistants ensure help with the handover process at the start and end of the day.

### **How are staff trained and kept up to date? If we need more expert help and advice, what do we do?**

School have invested in having a Specialist Teacher in school termly. She gives the staff regular support to ensure that they have the most up to date knowledge around the needs of the children in school. She gives them advice in the following areas:

- Autism (ASD)
- ADHD
- Challenge behaviour
- Children's Mental Health
- Communicating with children who are distressed or angry
- Developing personalised curriculums

School also have regular support from a Speech and Language Therapist, who has trained staff in using Wellcomm and how to implement various Speech and Language Plans.

We recognise that to effectively support, we need to have the skills and knowledge to understand the needs and issues that individual children face. Therefore, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is offered to all staff. Specific training will be made available to staff to support the needs of a particular child(ren) if the expertise is not already in school but is often delivered, in situ by the various specialists (as noted above) that school buys in.

Initially, school will endeavour to meet the needs of children with SEND from within its existing resources. However, if following several cycles of additional support, the child continues to experience difficulties, the school may, with parental permission, seek the advice of private external agencies such as an Educational Psychologist or Specialists from Inclusion Solutions; Local Authority services such as the Special Educational Needs

and Disability Support Service (SENDS) or similar. Again, with parental permission, some children may be referred for support from our National Health Service colleagues e.g. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services etc. Any plans shared with the school by these agencies are carried out by staff within school in liaison with the appropriate agency.

Occasionally, even with the support of external agencies, we may identify that we are unable to fully meet the needs of a pupil through our own provision arrangements. In these circumstances, an assessment of the unmet needs would be carried out through the EHCP Assessment process which would involve parents, pupils and all agencies involved in the pupil's care.

### **How do we know if what we provide for the children is effective?**

Provision for children with SEND is as laid out in the school's Policy for SEND.

The SENCo reports annually on the efficient and effective use of resources for pupils identified as having SEND. The monitoring and evaluation of progress of pupils with SEND is detailed in the Graduated Approach (assess, plan, do, review) section of the Policy for SEND. For pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan, annual reviews (6 monthly for under 5s) are carried out in accordance with the appropriate legislation and the SEND Code of Practice.

The SENCo / Head Teacher collect and analyse tracking data for all pupils on the SEND register and use this, in conjunction with information gathered from other sources (SEND learning walks, professional dialogue, discussions with pupils and parents etc.) to make a judgement on effectiveness. The SENCo liaises with the headteacher who in turn meets with the SEN Governor once per term to co-produce a report on the quality and effectiveness of SEND provision. As part of the School Development Plan, the SENCo outlines an annual action plan and updates progress against this on a termly basis.

Any additional provision for all children (whether or not they have SEND) is carefully recorded ('mapped') by the Senior Leadership Team and/or SENCo. Concurrently, the progress of all children who are receiving additional provision is carefully tracked. This information is then scrutinised by the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that the effectiveness and efficiency of provision is maximised.

### **How are children with SEND enabled to take part in all the activities available in school?**

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are welcomed and actively encouraged to go on all trips (including residentials) and to attend all clubs. Where

appropriate, parents will be consulted from the planning stage and all reasonable adaptations and adjustments made to ensure that children with SEND can safely access and enjoy the social and skills development that such activities bring. The adaptations will usually be the result of the risk assessment and may include additional staffing (1:1 support if necessary), extra time allowances, amendments to the activity (e.g. through use of different equipment) etc.

All activities within and outside school are covered by a risk assessment. These are carried out by the Premises Manager (Headteacher). Additional risk assessments are carried out for specific children with advice from appropriate agencies, depending on their needs. For example, for a child with a physical difficulty (PD) or Health Care need, this may include advice and/or an environmental audit from Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, School Nurse or a special teacher for children with PD. Risk assessments for school trips are also monitored by the Governing Body, LET and Lancashire County Council.

School also works closely with the Hynburn and Ribble Valley Sports Partnership whose dedicated sports leader promotes sport for children with SEN and/or disabilities. This results in a wide range of sporting activities over the course of the year, tailored specifically at the individual needs of each child. Examples include: Boccia, Cricket, Swimming, Fishing and Golf.

Progressive Sports operates wrap around provision of breakfast and afterschool club. This provision is open to all children regardless of SEND. Parents are able to make bookings for sessions and the children are cared for by Progressive Sports staff.

After-school activities e.g. a variety of sports and dance are offered to children on a 6-week rota basis. All of our clubs are currently of a minimum charge thanks to funding from Sports Premium and Pupil Premium, and are open to children regardless of Special Educational Need or Disability, with reasonable adjustments. Additional school staff are on duty to support SEND pupils as required, especially if clubs are run by external agencies.

## **How do we support children with medical difficulties or emotional and social difficulties? How do we deal with bullying and make sure children with SEND can tell us if they are having a problem?**

### **Medical**

The school has a variety of policies which cover health and wellbeing issues on the school website. The school's Equality Policy is available for free on the website and via the school office on request.

Some medication, such as asthma inhalers are kept in the teacher's cupboard in the appropriate classroom. All other medication is kept in the locked First Aid cabinet in the school Office or in the staffroom fridge if necessary.

All medicine administered is recorded on an individual record sheet along with details of dosage and frequency; parents sign to grant authorisation to the school to administer to their child. When medication is administered a record of this is made within the First Aid app.

For individual children with specific needs, Care Plans are written at a meeting between a member of the school's staff, the child's parents, the child (when appropriate) and the School Nurse.

Any new adults coming into school go through a short induction in accordance with the school's Induction Policy to ensure they are made aware of any particular needs. Additionally, there is a photo-card for children with medical needs in the staff room; this gives a brief outline of their difficulty and signposts the reader to more detailed information which is held securely in the office.

13 members of staff have Paediatric First Aid. Additionally, staff receive training to deal with specific difficulties, when the need arises e.g. how to deal with a diabetic child or the use of Epi-Pens. Where a child's health care needs may impact on their ability to access an educational trip or activity, additional advice is sought from parents and/or health care professionals, as appropriate. School deals with medical issues through a graduated response. Minor issues are dealt with by trained school staff but we would always err on the side of caution if it was felt that an illness, injury or medical attack was more serious and contact the emergency services. School will always try to contact parents/carers in these instances so it is really important that the office has up to date contact details including home and mobile telephone numbers.

### **Emotional and Social**

West End Primary School aims to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which all pupils achieve their full potential and have the skills and confidence to meet the challenges of the future.

The school employs a "Pastoral Lead" who supports both staff and children. Regular support groups (KS1 and KS2) are run each week for specific children. The Pastoral Lead also provides other Social Skills Groups and 1:1 emotional work / counselling for children who require it. She also works with children to ensure that their SALT plans are carried out and the correct support is given.

If a family has an EHA (Early Help Assessment), a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting is called to continue the system of support for the family. These are usually held in school and parents will always be involved.

The school liaises with all relevant specialist agencies such as the family and medical centres, paediatricians, speech therapists, occupational therapists, school nurse etc. Although none of these is based in school, some do come into school to carry out assessments and therapy, with parental permission.

### **Bullying and Child Protection**

All children are taught about bullying, friendships and staying safe through a combination of age-appropriate PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) lessons, daily whole-school assemblies and visits and visitors where appropriate. Children are encouraged to speak to members of staff on duty if they are worried during playtimes.

E-Safety is taught in an age appropriate manner throughout the school, recognising the potential dangers and issues on the Internet. Pupils' views on safety, bullying and attitudes to risk are sought through the annual Pupil Attitude Questionnaire.

Any bullying incident is dealt with in accordance with the school's anti-bullying policy, which is available on the website and from the office on request.

In accordance with legislation, the school has a Designated Senior Lead (DSL) and a deputy DSL to deal with issues related to Child Protection and Safeguarding. All staff have received "Prevent" (anti-radicalisation) training and safeguarding training and the school uses CPOMS to ensure information is shared securely amongst staff on a need-to-know basis.

### **What arrangements do we make for supporting children with SEND who are in the care of the Local Authority?**

School has a nominated member of staff for Children Looked After. This is the Mrs Whitaker. They liaise with the SENCo to contribute to the child's Personal Education Plan (PEP). Where a Child Looked After has an EHCP, whenever practicable, the PEP is reviewed along with the EHCP.

### **What should I do if I have a concern or complaint about the provision for my child?**

In order to deal with your concern or complaint in the quickest and most straightforward way, we ask that you take a graduated approach:

- a) Firstly, contact the class teacher via the school office;

- b) Secondly, if you have concerns which cannot be addressed by the class teacher, then please contact the Headteacher via the school office and/or SENCo (contact details in qu. 2);
- c) Finally, reference should be made to the school's Complaints Policy should further action be deemed necessary. We aim to deal with any complaints at the earliest opportunity but within 20 days at the latest (In accordance with the Complaints Policy).

### Where can I find information about the Authority's Local Offer?

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)

This website also contains a vast amount of information on SEND related matters including an extensive list of support agencies which may be useful to parents and carers. If you do not have access to the Internet, please ask for assistance at the school office.

Next Review: September 2026

### Appendix 1

#### List of personnel involved in SEND issues

NAME	POSITION
Mr J. McBride	Headteacher
Mrs w. Whitaker	SENCo
Mrs S. Baron	SEN Governor
Mrs S. Baron	Chair of Governors
Mr J. McBride	Assessment Co-ordinator
Mr J. McBride	Managing Medical Needs Responsibility
Mr J. McBride	Designated Teacher with Specific Safeguarding Responsibility
Mr J. McBride	Managing PPG/CLA funding Responsibility

## **Appendix 2 – Terminology and Acronyms**

<b>ADD</b>	Attention Deficit Disorder.
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.
<b>Amanuensis</b>	Supporter who helps pupils with SEN put their thoughts onto paper (AKA Scribe).
<b>ASC / ASD</b>	Autistic Spectrum Condition / Disorder.
<b>CAMHS</b>	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service.
<b>CLA</b>	Child Looked After. (This is NOT a special educational need). Same as LAC.
<b>CPOMS</b>	Software application for monitoring child protection, safeguarding and a whole range of pastoral and welfare issues, working alongside a school's existing safeguarding processes,
<b>Dyscalculia</b>	Pupils having difficulty in acquiring mathematical skills.
<b>Dysgraphia</b>	Children who may be verbally proficient but have difficulty writing down their thoughts.
<b>Dyslexia</b>	Pupils having a marked and persistent difficulty in learning to read, write and spell, despite progress in other areas.
<b>Dyspraxia</b>	Pupils with impairment of gross and fine motor skills.
<b>EAL / ESL</b>	English as an Additional (or Second) Language (This is NOT a special educational need).
<b>EHA</b>	Early Help Assessment (this replaces the CAF)
<b>EHCNA(R)</b>	Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (Request) – also known as a Statutory Assessment
<b>EHCP (or EHC Plan)</b>	Education, Health and Care Plan. Legally enforceable document that describes the needs of the child and how these needs will be met.
<b>EP(S)</b>	Educational Psychology/ist (Service).
<b>HI</b>	Hearing Impaired.
<b>HLTA</b>	Higher Level Teaching Assistant.
<b>IAS</b>	Information and Advice Service (Previouslyly Parent Partnership Service /Officer)
<b>IEP</b>	Individual Education Plan.
<b>LAC</b>	Looked After Child. (This is NOT a special educational need). Same as CLA.
<b>LA</b>	Local Authority.
<b>MLD</b>	Moderate Learning Difficulties.
<b>MSI</b>	Multi-Sensory Impairment. Pupils with complex visual and hearing difficulties.
<b>NASEN</b>	National Association for Special Educational Needs.
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapy
<b>P Scales</b>	Performance descriptors. A common basis for measuring (within school) the progress of pupils working up to below year one equivalent all subjects of the National Curriculum
<b>PD</b>	Physical Disability.
<b>PECS</b>	Picture Exchange Communication System.
<b>PEP</b>	Personal Education Plan – For those in the care of the Local Authority (not the same as an IEP)

<b>PIVATs</b>	Performance Indicators for Value Added Target Setting. An assessment programme to measure small steps of progress and to set targets.
<b>Pupil Profile</b>	An overview of a pupil's strengths and difficulties (For children at SEN Support)
<b>SaLT / SLT</b>	Speech and Language Therapist.
<b>SEMH</b>	Social, Emotional and/or Mental Health.
<b>SEN Code of Practice (CoP)</b>	Practical guidance to LAs and the governing bodies of all maintained schools.
<b>SEN</b>	Special Educational Needs.
<b>SENCo</b>	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.
<b>SEND</b>	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
<b>SENDO</b>	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Officer (LA representative).
<b>SEN Support</b>	Pupils on the SEN register have SEN Support unless they have an EHCP.
<b>SLCN</b>	Speech, Language and Communication Needs. Pupils may have difficulty in understanding and / or making others understand information conveyed through spoken language.
<b>SLD</b>	Severe Learning Difficulty.
<b>SpLD</b>	Specific Learning Difficulties. A descriptor which covers aspects of Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and/or Dyspraxia.
<b>SLCN</b>	Speech, Language and Communication needs.
<b>TA/LSA</b>	Teaching Assistant/Learning Support Assistant. Interchangeable terms for support staff.
<b>TAF</b>	Team Around the Family.
<b>VI</b>	Visually Impaired.