



## Jargon buster

Glossary of common education and related terminology.

**AfL** - Assessment for Learning - From September 2009, all UK schools were expected to implement an assessment for learning program. Day-to-day assessments would include effective questioning; observations of children during teaching input and while they are working; holding discussions with children; analysing work and reporting to children; conducting tests and giving fast feedback.

**APP** - Assessing Pupils' Progress - APP is a structured approach to periodically assessing maths, science, reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.

**DfE** - The Department for Education - They are responsible for education and children's services in England.

**EAL** - English as an Additional Language - Refers to children whose first language(s) is/ are not English and who may not yet be speaking English fluently or even at all.

**EBD** - Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

**ESOL** - English for Speakers of Other Languages or English as a Second or Other Language - If English is not your main language you can take part in a course to help you improve your English. These courses are called ESOL.

**EWO** - Education Welfare Officer - Person employed by the Local Authority to help parents and the LA meet their statutory obligations in relation to school attendance.

**EYFS** - Early Years Foundation Stage - A framework for care and education of children from birth to five years of age.

**FSM** - Free School Meals

**G & T** - Gifted and Talented

**HLTA** - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

**ICT** - Information and Communication Technology

**INSET** - In-Service Education and Training - Training for teachers which takes place during the school year.

**ITT** - Initial Teacher Training

**KS1** - Key Stage 1 - 5-7 years old

**KS2** - Key Stage 2 - 7-11 years old

**LA** - Local Authority

**LSA** - Learning Support Assistant

**LSP** - Learning Support Plan

**MFL** - Modern Foreign Languages

**MLD** - Moderate Learning Difficulties

**NQT** - Newly Qualified Teacher

**Ofsted** - The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills is an independent organisation, which reports directly to Parliament. Ofsted inspects and regulates services which care for children and young people and those providing education and skills for learners of all ages. Ofsted sets out to raise standards in British schools through regular inspections.

**PE** - Physical Education

**PPA** - Planning, Preparation and Assessment time

**PPG** - Pupil Premium Grant

**PSHE** - Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

**QTS** - Qualified Teacher Status

**RE** - Religious Education

**SATs** - Standard Attainment Tests/Tasks - National Curriculum Tests and Tasks which take place at the end of Key Stage 1 and at the end of Key Stage 2.

**SEN** - Special Educational Needs Provision - Support for pupils with learning difficulties.

**SENCO** - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

**SLD** - Severe Learning Difficulties

**SLT** - Senior Leadership Team

**SMSC** - Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development

**TA** - Teaching Assistant