

CHILD RELATED-
Terms linked to the child's needs and difficulties

Abbreviation	What is it?	What does it mean?
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	Identified need which affects concentration and the ability to focus
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	A medical diagnosis related to the child's behaviour and attention span, which can affect their ability to concentrate and learn.
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	A lifelong condition disorder, it affects how a person communicates with and relates to the people around them.
HI	Hearing Impairment	A degree of hearing loss.
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties	Describes a general level of academic attainment that is significantly below that of other children of the same age. There may be difficulty acquiring basic literacy and numeracy skills, speech and language difficulties and poorly developed personal and social skills.
MSI	Multi-Sensory Impairment	Pupils with multi-sensory impairment have a combination of visual and hearing difficulties.
PD	Physical Disability	Disabilities that limit mobility. Among the causes are congenital conditions, accidents or injury. Some pupils with PD may also have sensory impairments and/or learning difficulties.
PDA	Pathological Demand Avoidance	A condition characterised by an overwhelming need to avoid and resist demands.
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties	Pupils with PMLD have very complex learning needs. Among pupils with PMLD are those learning at the earliest levels of development and who have physical disabilities, sensory impairment or a severe medical condition. Pupils with PMLD need a high level of adult support both for their learning needs and for their personal care.
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health	Social, mental and emotional difficulties, usually resulting in behaviour difficulties that present a barrier to learning and participation.
SEN	Special Educational Need	Children have special needs if they have learning difficulties that requires extra or different help.
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs	A wide range of difficulties to all aspects of communication in children or young people. These can include difficulties with speech, understanding what others say, and using language socially.
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties	Pupils with SLD have significant intellectual or cognitive impairments. This will have an impact on their ability to participate in the school curriculum without support.
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulty	General learning abilities in the average range but difficulties in one or more particular areas of learning. E.g. Dyslexia
VI	Visual Impairment	Partial or complete loss of sight.