



<b>Acroymn</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.
<b>ASD/ASC</b>	Autistic Spectrum Disorder/Condition.
ARO	Annual reviewing officer.
CAF	Common Assessment Framework. A method of assessment which can be used by social services, health or education. It is non statutory, i.e. it does not replace statutory assessment. Now called an EHA
<b>CAMHS/HYMS</b>	The Children and Families Act 2014. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Now called HYMS--Healthy Young Minds Stockport
<b>Care plan</b>	A record of the health and/or social care services being provided to a child or young person.
<b>Code or CoP</b>	The Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2015. This contains statutory guidance on the Children and Families Act 2014
<b>DFE</b>	Department for Education.
<b>EA 1996</b>	Education Act 1996.
<b>Early Years Provider</b>	A provider of early education places for children under five.
EHA	Early Health Assessment- Used to be known as a CAF.
<b>EHC needs assessment</b>	An assessment of the education, health care and social care needs of a child or young person conducted by a local authority under the Children and Families Act 2014.
<b>EHC plan</b>	An education, health and care plan as defined in section 37 (2) of the Children and Families Act 2014.
<b>EP</b>	Educational Psychologist
<b>EYFS</b>	The Early Years Foundation Stage. A statutory framework which covers children both in pre-school settings and in reception classes up to their fifth birthday.
<b>FE</b>	Further Education. The FE sector in England includes further education colleges, sixth form colleges, specialist colleges and adult education institutes. It does not include universities.
<b>Free school</b>	A type of Academy
<b>FSM</b>	Free school Meals



<b>HI</b>	Hearing Impairment
<b>HYMS</b>	Healthy Young Minds Stockport. Used to be CAMHS.
<b>IEP</b>	Individual Education Plan. A plan which sets out the support a child is receiving in their school or other setting. There is no longer a specific requirement for children with SEN to have a plan called an IEP under the Code but children with SEN may still have IEPs.
<b>Independent school</b>	A school that is not maintained by a local authority.
<b>LA</b>	Local authority
<b>LSA</b>	Learning support assistant- works with children with a specific need.
<b>MLD</b>	Moderate learning difficulties – not a legal term but often used in relation to the description of a school, i.e. an MLD school.
<b>National curriculum</b>	A statutory entitlement to learning for all pupils.
<b>OCD</b>	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.
<b>ODD</b>	Oppositional Defiance Disorder.
<b>Ofsted</b>	Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. This is the body which inspects and regulates services which care for children and young people and those providing education and skills for learners of all ages.
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapy, sometimes used to refer to the occupational therapist.
<b>PDD</b>	Pervasive Developmental Disorder.
<b>PMLD</b>	Profound and multiple learning difficulties.
<b>Portage</b>	Home-based educational support for pre-school children with SEN.
<b>PPO” / “PPS</b>	Parent Partnership Officer who operates within a Parent Partnership Service; every local authority must have one. They provide advice to parents about SEN. They range from large services sometimes run by voluntary organisations to services run by a single part-time member of staff.
<b>PRU</b>	Pupil referral unit-For children who need



	to be educated out of school, often because they have been excluded. They have the same legal status as schools in some respects but do not have to teach the national curriculum.
<b>PP</b>	Pupil premium. Funding for children whose parents are claiming free school meals, or those children who are adopted.
<b>SEN</b>	Special educational needs.
<b>SENDCO</b>	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator – the teacher with responsibility for co-ordinating special help for children with SEN at their school.
<b>SEP</b>	Special educational provision.
<b>SLT</b> or <b>SALT</b>	Speech and Language Therapy, sometimes used to refer to the Speech and Language Therapist.
<b>Special school</b>	A school which is specifically organised to make special educational provision for pupils with SEN.
<b>TA</b>	Teaching assistant
<b>VI</b>	Visually Impaired