

Glossary of Terms for Parents

On this page you will find a glossary of the terms used in education. There are a great deal of complex acronyms and phrases that need explaining so that you can find your way around the meaning of some of data and self-evaluation documents.

Acronym/Phrase	Meaning	Acronym/Phrase	Meaning
Attainment	This is the standard or level that a child reaches.	Ofsted	<i>The body that assesses the quality and standards in schools.</i>
Progress	This is how much progress a child has made on their journey – from one level to another.	DfE	<i>The Department for Education.</i>
Emerging	<i>This means a child has started working on the objectives.</i>	CPD	<i>Continuing Professional Development – the courses that staff go on to improve teaching.</i>
Developing	<i>This means a child understands most of that year's objectives.</i>	KS1	<i>Year 1 and Year 2.</i>
Secure	<i>This means a child has understood all of the expected objectives for that Year Group.</i>	KS2	<i>Year 3 to Year 6.</i>
Secure +	<i>This means a child is working at greater depth in that Year Group.</i>	Pupil Premium	<i>The funding that the DfE give to the school to support children in school.</i>
SMSC	<i>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education. This is what we provide for children through their curriculum experiences.</i>	SA SA+ SEN	<i>Special Educational Needs (SEN) School Action – children who are on the SEN register at the first stage of in school support. SA+ is the next stage and includes external support as well.</i>
EYFS	<i>Early Years and Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception.</i>	VA	<i>Value added – this is another progress measure that the Government use. The national average of mean is 100, so anything above that is above national.</i>
Phonics Screening Test	<i>A test for children on their phonic ability at the end of Year 1.</i>	GLD	<i>Good level of development – if a child achieves well across all of the learning areas in EYFS, then they will have a GLD.</i>
SATs	<i>Test for children at Year 6 and teachers assessment for children at Year 2.</i>		