

Understanding School Talk

An Easy to read guide to words
and terms used in schools

This booklet has been put together to help everyone understand some of the words and phrases used in schools.

You will come across a lot of these words during your child's school years.

Hopefully this will be helpful to you.

Spring Term	January to Easter Time
Summer Term	After Easter to July
Autumn Term	September to Christmas
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
HT	Head Teacher
Dep HT	Deputy Head Teacher
Assis HT	Assistant Head Teacher
AD	Achievement Directors (Heads of House)
Gov	School Governor
Curriculum	Subjects and Lessons taught
LDs	Learning Directors (Subject Leaders)
T/T	Timetable (Daily Lesson Plan)
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
LSA	Learning Support Assistant
TA	Teaching Assistant
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
AIO	Attendance Improvement Officer
PSA	Parent Support Adviser
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer

TMG	Target minimum grade
PA	Persistent Absence
ALS	Additional Literacy support
PLS	Personalised learning support
BEST	Behaviour and Emotional support teams
FFTD	Fischer Family Trust Data (An ongoing record of your child's achievements)
AFL	Assessment for learning
Ed Psych	Educational psychologists
PSHE	Personal social health education
G&T	Gifted and Talented
SEN	Special educational needs
SENCO	Special educational needs co-ordinator
ILS	Independent Learning strategies
IEP	Individual Education Plans
IBP	Individual Behaviour Plans
MFL	Modern foreign languages
DT	Design Technology
Gg	Geography
Hi	History
TK	Technology
FT	Food Technology
RM	Resistant Material
TT	Textiles
DS	Double Science
MU	Music
DA	Dance
RF	Religious Education

LAC	Looked After Child
SA	School Action
SA+	School Action Plus
PEP	Personal Education Plan
SST	School Support Team
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
LA	Local Authority

Core Subjects English (ENG), Maths (Ma), Science (Sci), Religious Education (RE), Physical Education (PE), Citizenship, Information Technology (IT)
(These are subjects your child has to do)

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