

## Glossary of terms

<b>Catchment Area</b>	The area from which a school takes its pupils
<b>Cohort</b>	The number of pupils on roll for a specific age group
<b>DFE</b>	Department for Education
<b>EAL</b>	English as an Additional Language
<b>EWO</b>	Education Welfare Officer/Educational Social Worker. A professional worker who visits pupils' homes and deals with attendance problems and other welfare matters
<b>EYFS</b>	Early Years Foundation Stage
<b>FSM</b>	Free School Meals
<b>ICT</b>	Information Communication Technology
<b>IEP</b>	Individual Education Plan. A set of short-term learning targets set down for a child with special educational needs – a practice sometimes extended to other children. To be used to support lesson planning and other provision
<b>Inclusion</b>	Educating all children including those with special educational needs
<b>KS1</b>	(Years 1-2) children up to 7-year olds
<b>KS2</b>	(Years 3-6) 7 to 11-year olds
<b>LA</b>	Local Authority
<b>LAC</b>	Looked After Children
<b>LSA</b>	Learning Support Assistant
<b>NC</b>	National Curriculum
<b>Ofsted</b>	Office for Standards in Education. The official body for inspecting schools
<b>Peripatetic Teacher</b>	Teacher employed to teach in a number of schools, usually to give specialist instruction of some kind, e.g. in music
<b>Parental Responsibility (PR)</b>	A legal term from section 3(1) of the Children Act 1989, meaning 'all the rights, duties, powers and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property.' Always held by the mother and also by a father where the parents are married. An unmarried father also acquires parental responsibility if he becomes registered as the child's father (for a child born after 01/12/03), or through a legal order. Parental responsibility is only removed from parents completely at the point if the child is adopted. PR is also acquired by the local authority if the court commits child to its care.
<b>SEN</b>	Special Educational Needs – learning difficulties for which special educational provision has to be made. May include children with physical disabilities or emotional and behavioural disorders. For a full definition of Special Educational Needs, see the SEN Code of Practice (2001)
<b>SENCO</b>	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Member of staff responsible for SEN provision