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Making Sense of the Law

Abbreviations used in Special Educational Needs and Disability Law

ABI – Acquired Brain Injury

ADD/ ADHD – Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder

AR – Annual Review of the Education, Health and Care Plan

ASC/ASD – Autistic Spectrum Condition/ Autistic Spectrum Disorder

CA – Classroom Assistant or Carers Allowance

CA 2014 – Care Act 2014

CFA 2014 – Children and Families Act 2014

CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group - funds health care services

CITS – Children's Integrated Therapy Services

CoP – Code of Practice - a guide that sets out the legal duties of the Local Authority and schools

DP – Direct Payments

DMO – Designated Medical Officer

EHCP – Education, Health and Care Plan

EHE – Electively Home Educated

EP – Educational Psychologist

EPS – Educational Psychology Service

EOTAS – Educated other than at school

EWO – Educational Welfare Officer - works with schools, children and parents on attendance problems

FTT – First-Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability)

GDD – Global Developmental Delay - where a child is assessed to have delays in all areas of development

HNB – High Needs Budget

HTST – Home to School Transport

HI – Hearing Impairment

IEP – Individual Education Plan - a program of learning objectives and teaching strategies for children with SEN

ITT – Independent Travel Training

INA/ INT – Individual Needs Assistant/ Teacher

INCO – Inclusion Coordinator – also called SENCO

IASS/ SENDIASS – Independent Advice and Support Service - Local Authority service offering impartial information, advice and support on SEN and disability issues

LA – Local Authority

LAC – Looked After Child – the term for children who are in Local Authority care

LD/LDD – Learning difficulty or disability

LSA – Learning Support Assistant

LGO – Local Government Ombudsman

LGSO – Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

MASH – Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

MLD – Moderate learning difficulties

NEET – Not in Education, Employment or Training

OT – Occupational Therapy or therapist

PRU – Pupil Referral Unit - a centre maintained by the Local Authority for children who can't attend a mainstream or special school

PMLD – Profound and multiple learning difficulties

PSP – Pastoral Support Plan

PB – Personal Budget

SEN – Special Educational Needs - [see FAQs page on terminology]

SEP – Special Educational Provision - [see FAQs page on terminology]

SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENDIST – Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal - an independent body that hears parents' appeals against LA decisions relating to EHCPs - also called FTT

SLT/ SALT – Speech and Language Therapy or therapist

SBP – School Based Plan

SEMH – Social, Emotional and Mental Health

SLAC – Speech, Language and Communication

SLCN – Speech, Language and Communication Needs

SENCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator - the staff member in a mainstream school who is responsible for co-ordinating SEN support within the school - also called INCO

LD – Severe Learning Difficulties (can sometimes refer to speech and language difficulties)

SpLD – Specific Learning Difficulty, for example, dyslexia

TA – Teaching Assistant

VI – Visual Impairment

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