



Glossary of Terms

ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADOS	Autism Diagnosis Observation Schedule
AHC	Annual Health Check available at GP Surgeries for young people age 14+ with a Learning Disability
AP	Alternative Provision
ARFID	Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder
ASD/ASC	Autistic Spectrum Disorder/Condition
BIT	Behaviour Improvement Team – LA Team who offer consultation, support and training to promote good behaviour within schools, as well as directly working with children and young people with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties through individual, group and whole class interventions
Bridge Centre	Base of the Local Authority's Children's Disability Service Early Years Team (0-5 years) which offers pre-school support, speech and language therapy, portage, transition, training, groups and assessments
C & F Assessment	A Children and Families Assessment is a statutory assessment undertaken by the Local Authority's Social Care team
CAFT	Common Assessment Framework Tool
CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services - Tier 2 provided by Barnardo's BOSS, Tier 3 by Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust
CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
Continence Service	Support children and young people with continence difficulties provided by St. Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
DCD	Developmental Co-ordination Disorder
DCO	Designated Clinical Officer for SEND
DDCO	Deputy Designated Clinical Officer for SEND
Developmental Paediatrics	Paediatricians Service provided by St. Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
DfE	Department for Education
DP	Direct Payments
DSCO	Designated Social Care Officer for SEND

EHAT	Early Help Assessment Tool used for gathering information and a standard approach in assessment for the identification of Early Help needs. The EHAT helps practitioners to gather and understand information about the needs and strengths of children and the family. This is based on discussions with children and their family and other practitioners as appropriate
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
Enhanced Support	Support given in school, using additional funding from the Local Authority, to meet the child/young person's needs
EP/Ed Psych	Educational Psychologist offer assessment, consultation, advice and training on how schools and early years settings might help children and young people to learn effectively, and to make the most out of their education
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage for children aged 0-5 years
Graduated Approach	A four-part cycle – assess, plan, do, review – to ensure SEN Support is revisited, refined and revised to best support the pupil in making good progress and securing good outcomes.
HALO	Help Around the Local Offer
HCP	Healthy Child Programme
HI	Hearing Impaired
IASS (formerly known as Parent Partnership Service PPS)	Independent Advice and Support Service for children, young people and families with SEND
IBP	Individual Behaviour Plan
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IHCP	Individual Health Care Plan
Inclusion Officer	The Inclusion Officer supports schools to make sure that the provision made for pupils with special educational needs is inclusive and effective. This might involve providing specialist support and guidance to the school and / or the attendance at termly planning and consultation meetings
KIT	Keeping In Touch
LA	Local Authority – St Helens Council (part of the Local Authority)
LAC	Looked After Child
LASC	Local Autism and Social Communication Service
LD	Learning Disability
Local Offer	The Local Offer sets out the support available for local children and young people with SEND. The website (https://new.sthelens.gov.uk/send/) details what services are available in St Helens and how to access them.
MASH	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub – the first point of contact for children's referrals to social care
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
MHSTs	Mental Health Support Teams
MLD/SLD	Moderate/Severe Learning Difficulty

NDP	Neurodevelopmental Pathway - an assessment and diagnostic pathway for neurodevelopmental conditions co-ordinated by Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
ICB	Integrated Care Board - NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB holds responsibility for planning NHS services including primary care, community pharmacy and those previously planned by St. Helens Clinical Commissioning Group
NICE	National Institute for Health & Care Excellence
OT (Health)	Occupational Therapy provided by Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust
OT (Local Authority)	Equipment and Adaptations Occupational Therapy Service
Outreach Support Service	Made up of 3 teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Behaviour Improvement Team offer consultation, support and training to promote good behaviour within schools, as well as directly working with children and young people with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties through individual, group and whole class interventions. • The EAL service (English as an additional language) who support individual pupils with English as an additional language and provide a consultation service to schools. • The Travellers Education Service works with Travellers and their children to access education and provide additional support.
PAP	Provision Agreement Panel meeting at the Local Authority to review the provision/funding requests from schools
PCF	Parent Carer Forum – Listen 4 Change in St Helens
PDA	Pathological Demand Avoidance
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
Pen Portrait	A succinct summary of a person's needs and how best to meet them
PfA	Preparing for Adulthood
Planning Meeting	Termly Planning Meeting held at school to review provision, services and make referrals to outside agencies
Portage	An early-years, home based teaching service provided by St. Helens Council
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
PSP	Pastoral Support Plan
PT	Physiotherapy provided by Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust
SALT	Speech and Language Therapy provided by Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health

SEN Caseworker	A member of the LA Additional Needs Team who undertakes complex casework in relation to pupils with SEND
SENCO/SENDSCO	Special Educational Needs (and Disability) Co-ordinator in schools and colleges
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or Disability
SENDIASS (aka IASS)	Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice & Support Service
Sensory Diet	A carefully designed, personalised plan that provides the sensory input a child or young person needs to stay focused and organised throughout the day
SEN Support	Support given, using schools own funding, to meet the child/young person's needs
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
SPD	Sensory Processing Difficulties
SPLD	Specific Learning Difficulty e.g. Dyslexia, Dyspraxia.
STATEMENT	Statement of Special Educational Needs (no longer in use)
VI	Visually Impaired