Term	Definition
	A written report sent at least annually to describe your child's learning and progress.
RE	**Religious Education**
SATs	**Standard Assessment Tests and Tasks** - taken at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2, as well as KS3 in some schools.
School Trip/ Residential	An educational visit to another setting which is connected to work in school e.g. a museum, farm, gallery, the countryside etc. Some visits can last a few days and are known as residentials.
SENCO/Inclusion Manager	**Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator**
SEND (AEN)	**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (Additional Educational Needs)** - when your child needs additional support or different work/resources to access the curriculum.
SPaG (or GaPS)	**Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**
TA/ LSA/ HLTA	**Teaching AssistanPupil reports t/ Learning Support Assistant/ Higher -Level Teaching Assistant** these are adults in school who may work with your child as directed by the teacher.
Transition	When pupils move from year to year or school to school. There may be a special day, when pupils meet their new teacher(s).

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Absence (authorised/ unauthorised)	Missing a school day. In some rare cases the school may authorise this.
ARE	**Age Related Expectation** - where the National Curriculum expects pupils to be at the end of each year, in each subject.
Assembly	A gathering of pupils, often to celebrate good work. You may be invited to watch.
Attainment	What a pupil is assessed to have achieved.
Attendance	Amount of time your child is at school.
BLA	**Bilingual Learning Assistant** - a person who speaks your child's language and can help them in school.
Booster class/ intervention	Additional lessons to support with specific learning that the teacher believes the pupil needs.
College	Educational setting for post-16 year olds.
Curriculum (NC)	**National Curriculum** - the national syllabus studied by all state schools.
DT	**Design Technology** e.g. textiles, woodwork, metal work, etc. DT can also mean 'detention'.
EAL	**English as an Additional Language**

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EHCP	**Education, Health and Care Plan** - if your child has significant special needs, this is how you and the school agree a support package.
EMAS	**Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EAL Portsmouth)**
Extra-curricular activities/clubs	Additional activities at lunch time or before/after school e.g. football, singing, drama.
EYFS (Nursery & Reception Year)	**Early Years Foundation Stage** - education from birth to 5 years old. The first year in school is called Reception.
FSM	**Free School Meals** - some pupils are entitled to a free meal at lunch time.
G&T/AME	**Gifted and Talented/ Academically More Able** - for pupils who are exceptional for their age in a certain subject.
GCSEs	**General Certificate of Secondary Education** - national exams taken at the age of 16.
Governors	A board of people who help the Head Teacher run the school.
HT, DHT, AHT, HoY, HoH	**Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher, Assistant Head Teacher, Head of Year, Head of House**
ICT	**Information and Communication Technology**
IEP	**Individual Education Plan**

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INSET Day	**In-service Training** - day when the school is closed to pupils for staff training. Schools usually have 5 INSET days a year.
Key Stage	National education stages: KS1 infant, KS2 junior, KS3-4 secondary, KS5 college.
LA	**Local Authority** - for us, this is Portsmouth City Council.
MFL	**Modern Foreign Language** - often French or Spanish.
Non-uniform day	Day when pupils wear their own clothes, often for charity.
OFSTED Inspection	**Office for Standards in Education** - independent inspection of schools (outcomes are: outstanding, good, requires improvement or special measures).
Parents' Evening	Meeting to talk to the teacher(s) about how well your child is doing at school.
PE	**Physical Education**
Phonics	How schools teach letters and sounds for reading and writing. Progress in this is screened in Year 1 and 2.
Progress	How much your child has improved over time from a starting point.
PSCHE	**Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education** - this also includes learning about 'British Values'.