

GOVERNORS WALES FACT FILE 01/06 – Revision 6

JARGON BUSTER – ACRONYMS

You will find that in your role as governor, you will come across a bewildering array of educational jargon from time to time. A glossary of many of the abbreviations and acronyms is provided below which you are likely to encounter in meetings.

ORGANISATIONS

ACAS	-	Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service
ACE	-	Advisory Centre for Education
ADEW	-	Association of Directors of Education in Wales
CES	-	Catholic Education Society
CCET	-	Community Consortium for Education and Training
CETW	-	Council for Education and Training Wales
DDE	-	Diocesan Director of Education
DCELLS	-	Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning & Skills
DfE	-	Department for Education
EFQM	-	European Foundation for Quality Management
EHRC	-	Equality and Human Rights Commission
ESRC	-	Economic and Social Research Council
ESTYN*	-	Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales
GTCW	-	General Teaching Council for Wales
HMSO	-	Her Majesty's Stationery Office
HSE	-	Health & Safety Executive
IIS	-	Independent Investigation Service
LA	-	Local Authority
NAC	-	National Assembly Commission
NAfW	-	National Assembly for Wales
NASEN	-	National Association for Special Educational Needs
NCPTA	-	National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations
NFER	-	National Foundation for Educational Research
NGA	-	National Governors Association
NGFL	-	National Grid for Learning
NS	-	National Society
OfSTED	-	Office for Standards in Education
OPSI	-	Office of Public Section Information
SNAP	-	Special Needs Advisory Project
STRB	-	School Teacher Review Body
TES	-	Times Educational Supplement
WAG	-	Welsh Assembly Government
WJEC	-	Welsh Joint Education Committee
WLGA	-	Welsh Local Government Association

* Estyn is not an acronym. It is a Welsh word meaning to reach/extend

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

CEO	-	Chief Education Officer
CSO	-	Chief Schools Officer
DOE	-	Director of Education
ESP	-	Education Strategic Plans
EWO	-	Education Welfare Officer
GSU	-	Governor Support Unit
ITT	-	Initial Teacher Training
LAC	-	Looked After Children
NNEB	-	National Nursery Examination Board
PGR	-	Parent Governor Representative
PRU	-	Pupil Referral Unit
SSA	-	Standard Spending Assessment
VA	-	Value Added

INSPECTION

HMI	-	Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools
PIC	-	Pre-Inspection Commentary
RI	-	Reporting Inspector
SAP	-	School Action Plan
SER	-	Self-Evaluation Report

UNIONS

ASCL	-	Association of School and College Leaders
ATL	-	Association of Teachers and Lecturers
GMB	-	Britain's General Union
NAHT	-	National Association of Headteachers
NASUWT	-	National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers
NUT	-	National Union of Teachers
UCAC	-	National Association of Teachers in Wales
UNISON	-	Union of Public Service Employees
UNITE *	-	Union formed by the merger of T&G and Amicus
Voice *	-	The Union for Education Professionals

* Not an acronym

LEGISLATION/INITIATIVES

CRB	-	Criminal Records Bureau
DDA	-	Disability Discrimination Act
ELLC	-	Education and Lifelong Learning Committee
FOIA	-	Freedom of Information Act
IIP	-	Investors in People
ISA	-	Independent Safeguarding Authority
PFI	-	Private Finance Initiative
SENDA	-	Special Education Needs and Disability Act
SI	-	Statutory Instrument
SSFA	-	Schools Standard and Framework Act
SENDIST	-	Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal
STP&CD	-	School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document

SCHOOL-RELATED/GENERAL

'A' Level	-	Advanced Level
ADD	-	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	-	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AEN	-	Additional Educational Needs
ALS	-	Additional Literary Support
ALN	-	Additional Learning Needs
ALNCO	-	Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator
AN	-	Admission Number
APM	-	Annual Parents' Meeting
APR	-	Annual Parents' Report
APG	-	Associate Pupil Governors
'AS' Level	-	Advanced Subsidiary Level
AT	-	Attainment Target
AWPU	-	Age-Weighted Pupil Unit
BSF	-	Better Schools Fund
BTEC	-	Business and Technology Education Council
CIF	-	Common Inspection Framework
CFR	-	Consistent Financial Reporting
CPD	-	Continual Professional Development
CSI	-	Core Subject Indicator
EAL	-	English as an Additional Language
EBD	-	Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
EMAs	-	Education Maintenance Allowances
EMAS	-	Ethnic Monitoring Advisory Service
EPD	-	Early Professional Development
EWO	-	Education Welfare Officer
FE	-	Further Education
FEI	-	Further Education Institution
FSM	-	Free School Meals
FTE	-	Full Time Equivalent
GB	-	Governing Body
GCE	-	General Certificate of Education
GCSE	-	General Certificate of Secondary Education
GNVQ	-	General National Vocational Qualification
HE	-	Higher Education
HLTA	-	Higher Level Teacher Assistant
HOD	-	Head of Department
HOY	-	Head of Year
HSA	-	Home-School Agreement
ICT	-	Information Communications Technology
IEP	-	Individual Education Plan
INSET	-	In-Service Education and Training
ISF	-	Innovative Schools Fund
ISR	-	Individual School Range
ITT	-	Initial Teacher Training
KS	-	Key Stage
LAC	-	Looked After Children
LAP	-	Language and Play

SCHOOL-RELATED/GENERAL

LPSH	-	Leadership Programme for Serving Headteachers
LSA	-	Learning Support Assistant
MLD	-	Moderate Learning Difficulties
MFL	-	Modern Foreign Languages
NC	-	National Curriculum
NDC	-	National Data Collection
NOR	-	Number on Roll
NPQH	-	National Professional Qualification for Headship
NQT	-	Newly Qualified Teacher
NRA	-	National Record of Achievement
NVQ	-	National Vocational Qualification
OSHL	-	Out of School Hours Learning
PGCE	-	Post-Graduate Certificate of Education
PHIP	-	Professional Headship Induction Programme
PI	-	Performance Indicator
PLC	-	Professional Learning Community
PLASC	-	Pupil Level Annual School Census
PPA	-	Preparation, Planning and Assessment time
PRP	-	Performance Related Pay
PSHE	-	Personal, Social and Health Education
PTA	-	Parent Teacher Association
PTR	-	Pupil Teacher Ratio
QTS	-	Qualified Teacher Status
RE	-	Religious Education
ROA	-	Record of Achievement
SATs	-	Standard Assessment Tasks
SBIG	-	School Buildings Improvement Grant
SDP	-	School Development Plan
SEF	-	School Effectiveness Framework
SEN	-	Special Educational Needs
SENCO	-	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SIMS	-	School Information and Management System
SIP	-	School Improvement Plan
SL	-	Subject Leader
SLA	-	Service Level Agreement
SLD	-	Severe Learning Difficulties
SLMs	-	School Leadership Modules
SMT	-	Senior Management Team
STA	-	Statutory Teacher Assessments
S3i	-	Supported School Self-Improvement
TLR	-	Teaching and Learning Responsibility
UPN	-	Unique Pupil Number
UPS	-	Upper Pay Scale
VA	-	Voluntary-Aided
VC	-	Voluntary Controlled
WED	-	Welsh Examinations Database
WIMD	-	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation
WRE	-	Work Related Education