

## Additional Needs Terms

ADD- Attention deficit disorder - Characterised by a tendency to be distracted and impulsive.

ADHD - Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - Same as ADD but with added hyperactivity.

ASD - Autistic spectrum disorder - Used to be called Autism and classified as a severe learning disorder. ASD now has a range from profound autism (child cannot make sense of the world around him at all) to conditions where child is of above average intelligence but has severe problems with verbal and nonverbal communication.

EBD - Emotional and behavioural difficulties -Often linked to ADHD.

MLD - Moderate learning difficulties - The lower end of the normal range of intelligence.

PD - Physical difficulties - May be semi mobile or need the use of a wheelchair

PMLD - Profound and multiple learning difficulties - Will have complex needs, both physical and mental and likely to need help with all aspects of learning including personal care.

SI - Sensory impairment - Hearing or visual impairment

SLD - Severe Learning Difficulties - Includes difficulties with all aspects of learning but not as severe as PMLD

Specific Learning Difficulties - Communication difficulties within areas of reading, writing and speech usually called dyslexia or dyspraxia.

SPD - Semantic Pragmatic Disorder - A communication disorder within the autistic spectrum, causing difficulties in understanding and using language, including speech and non-verbal communications.