

Abbreviations, Definitions and Symbols

Community School

Maintained by the Local Education Authority (LEA). The LEA is the admissions authority – it has main responsibility for deciding arrangements for admitting pupils.

Voluntary Aided School

Maintained by LEA, with a (generally religious) foundation which appoints most of the governing body. The governing body is the admissions authority.

Voluntary Controlled School

Maintained by LEA, with a foundation which appoints some (but not majority) of the governing body. The LEA is the admissions authority.

Foundation School

Foundation School maintained by the LEA. Some may have a foundation (generally religious) which appoints some - but not most - of the governing body. The governing body is the admissions authority.

Special School

For pupils with learning difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, physical or sensory disabilities. There are four types:

- community special;
- foundation special;
- not maintained by LEA but approved under the Education Act 1996; and
- an independent school approved under the Education Act 1996 to take pupils with statements of special educational needs.

CTC

City Technology College/City College for the Technology of the Arts.

Independent School

Normally fee charging.

Authorised absence

Absence with permission from a teacher or other authorised representative of the school. This includes instances of absences for which a satisfactory explanation has been provided (eg illness).

Unauthorised absence

Absence without permission from a teacher or other authorised representative of the school. This includes all unexplained or unjustified absences.

LEA

Local Education Authority. Responsible in law for enforcing school attendance.

Day pupils of compulsory school age

Means day pupils of compulsory school age (5–16) in responding schools.

FM

LEA may have been significantly affected by the foot and mouth outbreak.

N/A

Not applicable.