

# Acronyms in Schools

These are some of the common acronyms and terms you may hear in schools, especially in British Schools in the UK or UAE.

## General Education

- **EYFS** – *Early Years Foundation Stage*: Framework for learning, development, and care for children from birth to age 5.
  - **EY** – *Early Years*: Refers broadly to the early education phase often FS1 and FS2 or just Reception in the UK
  - **FS** – *Foundation Stage*: FS1 (ages 3-4) and FS2 (ages 4-5)
  - **KS1 / KS2** – *Key Stage 1 / Key Stage 2*: Primary school phases following EYFS.
  - **DfE** – *Department for Education*: Government department overseeing education in England.
  - **BSO** – *British Schools Overseas*: Accreditation scheme recognising schools outside the UK that meet British standards.
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## Education Authorities in the UAE

- **KHDA** – *Knowledge and Human Development Authority*: Regulates private education and early learning in Dubai.
  - **ADEK** – *Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge*: Oversees education in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
  - **SPEA** – *Sharjah Private Education Authority*: Regulates private schools and nurseries in Sharjah.
  - **MOE** – *Ministry of Education (UAE)*: Federal body overseeing education across all Emirates.
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## Teaching and Learning

- **ELG** – *Early Learning Goals*: Expected standards children should reach by the end of the EYFS.
  - **EAL** – *English as an Additional Language*: Support for children learning English.
  - **PSED** – *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*: One of the prime EYFS areas of learning.
  - **CLL** – *Communication, Language and Literacy*: Another key area of early learning.
  - **PD** – *Physical Development*: Focus on motor skills and health.
  - **SEND** – *Special Educational Needs and Disabilities*: Support framework for children with additional needs.
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## Roles and Settings

- **SENCO** – *Special Educational Needs Coordinator*: Staff member responsible for coordinating SEND provision.
- **TA** – *Teaching Assistant*: Supports teachers and children in class.
- **CPD** – *Continuing Professional Development*: Ongoing training for educators.