

Education data glossary

Education phases, assessments and expected thresholds

Phase	Key Stage	Year Group	Age at end of year	Test / Teacher Assessment	Expected Thresholds
Nursery	Early Years Foundation Stage	Early Years	2		
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Primary	1	R	5	EYFS Teacher Assessment	78+ points with 6+ points in PSED/CLL ¹ scales
		1	6	Teacher Assessment Year 1 Phonics	
		2	7	Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments	Level 2+
	2	3	8		
		4	9	Teacher Assessment	
		5	10		
		6	11	Key Stage 2 SATs & Teacher Assessment	Level 4+ 2 levels of progress in English and in maths from KS1
Secondary	3	7	12		
		8	13	Teacher Assessment	
		9	14	Key Stage 3 Teacher Assessment	Level 5+
	4	10	15		
		11	16	GCSE & Equivalents	5+ A*-C including English & maths (Level 2) 3 levels of progress in English and in maths from KS2
Post 16 / FE	5 / Post 16	12	17		
		13	18	A-Level & Equivalents	2 or more A-level or equivalent at A*-E (Level 3)
HE	Higher Education	1 st	19		
		2 nd	20		
		Final	21	Degree Finals	

¹ See early years abbreviations on page 2

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Abbreviations Used in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Abbreviations are common for assessment scales and other aspects within the Early Years Foundation Stage; the table below shows most of the common terms.

Assessment Scale		Learning Area
DA	Dispositions and Attitudes	Personal, social and emotional development
SD	Social Development	
ED	Emotional Development	
LCT	Language for Communication & Thinking	Communication, language and literacy
LSL	Linking Sounds & Letters	
R	Reading	
W	Writing	
NLC	Numbers as Labels and for Counting	Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy
CA	Calculating	
SSM	Shape, Space & Measures	
KUW	Knowledge & Understanding of the World	
PD	Physical Development	
CD	Creative Development	