

# What makes a good school? – Glossary

**allow** verb

to give someone or something the time or opportunity to do something

**balance** noun [count/uncount]

a situation in which different aspects or features are treated equally or exist in the correct relationship to each other

*It can be hard to find the right balance between advising your children and controlling them.*

**bullying** noun [uncount]

behaviour that frightens or hurts someone smaller or weaker

*Students are encouraged to tell someone about any incidents of bullying.*

**career** noun [count]

a job or series of related jobs that you do, especially a profession that you spend a lot of your working life in

*Choosing a career can be a very difficult decision.*

**compulsory** adjective

something that is compulsory must be done because of a rule or law

**crack down on** phrasal verb

to start dealing with someone or something much more strictly

*The school is cracking down on smoking.*

**creative** adjective

someone who is creative has a lot of imagination and new ideas

**discipline** noun [uncount]

the practice of making people obey rules of behaviour and punishing them if they do not

*He believes in strict discipline.*

**encourage** verb

to give someone confidence or hope

**exclude** verb

to deliberately prevent someone or something from being involved in an activity or from entering a place

**facility** noun [count]

something such as a room or piece of equipment that is provided at a place for people to use

*The hotel has excellent leisure facilities.*

**memorise** verb

to learn something so that you remember it perfectly

**mess around** phrasal verb

to behave in a silly way, especially when you should be working or paying attention to something

**mixed** adjective

for men and women, or for boys and girls

*Lucy goes to a mixed school.*

**preparation** noun [uncount]

the process of making someone or something ready for something

*Despite a lot of preparation, we didn't win the contest.*

**pressure** noun [count/uncount]

a worried feeling that you get when you have to deal with a difficult or complicated situation

**proper** adjective

considered to be real or serious

*Start the day with a proper breakfast.*

**reckon** verb

to believe that something is true

*I reckon there's something wrong with him.*

**specialise** verb

to concentrate your attention and effort on a particular activity, product etc

**strict** adjective

someone who is strict has definite rules that they expect people to obey completely

*Dad's very strict with us about table manners.*

**stuff** noun [uncount]

a variety of objects or things

*What's all this stuff on my desk?*

**subject** noun [count]

something that you learn or teach in a school, for example English, mathematics, or biology

**troublemaker** noun [count]

someone who causes problems, often by being violent or by making others argue or not obey people in authority