



ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS & EDUCATIONAL TRIBUNAL ACT

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS IN COGAN PRIMARY

- ALNCO – Mrs R Glynn

School Provision: Three stage process

- 1) In St Cogan Primary School the teaching of pupils with ALN is a whole-school responsibility. The core of the teachers' work involves a continuous cycle of planning, teaching, and assessing.
- 2) Identified groups of pupils receive additional support, according to available resources and level of need – this may be educational, emotional, social and/or behavioural. These interventions may be short term and are part of our normal practice.
- 3) Pupil identified as having: ***a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age*** (The Additional Learning Needs Code For Wales 2021) may be defined as having ALN and school staff will assess these pupils individually, working in collaboration with parents/carers and appropriate agencies.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN WEBSITE INFORMATION

Additional information is available – just follow the link:

- <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/Additional-Learning-Needs/Additional-Learning-Needs.aspx>

THE INDEX FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR ADDITIONAL NEEDS



The Index is for families who have children age 0-18 years, who have a disability or additional need and live in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It's a way of us keeping families informed about what's available locally and nationally.

You'll receive a newsletter every three months, packed full with information about events, activities, playschemes and services, as well as regular ebulletins. You can also contact us directly with any questions you have.

Sign up is free and completely voluntary and you don't need to have a diagnosed disability.

There is more information on our web pages, as well as a quick video and an online registration form:

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/theindex

The Index video:

English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EX5nSx082PU>

Welsh version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArURUQW2JyM>

ALN & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the Vale of Glamorgan we are always keen to try to address any concerns, worries or issues as soon as possible and this should be done by raising any issues with your child's school in the first instance.

As far back as the draft ALN Code (2017) principles for good practice in the avoidance and early resolution of disagreements around Additional Learning Needs. (WG, 2017. pp. 169) were identified.

These good practice principles are:

- ❖ Support to ensure parents can attend and contribute to meetings (face to face or virtual)
- ❖ Ensure communication is inclusive and sensitive so parents feel like equal partners
- open questioning in meetings so concerns and misunderstandings are dealt with early on
- ❖ Face to face meetings to plan the way forward
- ❖ All parties have the same information from the same trusted source
- ❖ Timely and consistent communication so trust is built
- ❖ Positive, open and constructive dialogue
- ❖ Explain the legislation underpinning decisions and signposting to further information
- ❖ Decisions are properly explained in inclusive language to parent and child / Young Person
- ❖ Supporting the examination of the IDP so decisions are transparent and all evidence has been considered

ALN & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All schools should have staff trained in dispute resolution strategies to support this process.

A short film produced by the Welsh Government providing an overview of the avoiding disagreement and early dispute resolution aspect of the ALN Bill now Act can be found at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzPllzbheI8> or click the link below.

[Avoiding disagreements and earlier dispute resolution - YouTube](#)

Following these strategies should help parents and school work together in a mutually supportive and honest partnership, with the child at the centre to discuss and resolve any issues.

Parents can seek further advice from www.snapcymru.org

ALN & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SNAP Cymru provides information, advice and support for parents, children and young people who have, or may have, Additional Learning Needs or disabilities

SNAP Cymru provide the following impartial, confidential and free services:

- Helpline Information, Advice and Support
- Specialist Casework
- Discrimination Advice and Casework
- Independent Specialist ALN Advocacy
- Disagreement Resolution

Children, young people or parents can contact SNAP Cymru on:

- **0808 801 0608** or visit www.snapcymru.org an ALN enquiry can be submitted using the form on www.snapcymru.org/contact

To request a dispute resolution service

email: DRS@snapcymru.org or for more information on dispute resolution

see <https://www.snapcymru.org/mediation/>

PARENTAL INFORMATION LIST

(OVERVIEW OF DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN UPLOADED SEPARATELY)

Parent/carers and those supporting CYP with ALN

Resource	Welsh Format	English Format
Jargon buster an Information, Advice and Guidance booklet for parents /carers	 A booklet cover with a red background and white hands icon. Text: "Gwybodaeth, cyngor ac arweiniad ar ADY i rieni a gofeydd".	 A booklet cover with a red background and white hands icon. Text: "ALN Information, advice & guidance for parents and carers".
A3 - Parent information poster ALN step by step guide to appeals	 A vertical poster with a teal background and white text. Title: "A NO DAITH I'WYSGYFC I'W NEEDOL".	 A vertical poster with a teal background and white text. Title: "ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS".
Whiteboard animation - Parent /carer Guide to ALN support	 A whiteboard animation thumbnail with a woman icon. Text: "Canllaw Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol ar Gyfer Rhieni". https://youtu.be/z9633ZL9zIs	 A whiteboard animation thumbnail with a woman icon. Text: "A Parent's Guide to Additional Learning Needs". https://youtu.be/ISba05AGqJk

Children and young people

Resource

Welsh Format

English Format

A3- CYP information poster



Animation video – information supporting Children and young people (CYP) to seek advice if struggling in school/college.

<https://youtu.be/RT1y2pqSYhA>

<https://youtu.be/Dst2Gs-tzp0>

A3- CYP information poster SENTW



Animation video – information supporting Children and young people (CYP) of the role of SENTW

<https://youtu.be/d53YS4wQuBA>

<https://youtu.be/8lgj3Wm5R5I>

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To access all video clips at once please use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhSmMGgX6cin37FQS9NAbYSx6xrOTvEF4>

PARENT FLOW CHARTS

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