



# Parent Partnership Service



## The Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

### Transformation Process

The way children who receive additional support for their learning in Wales is changing. New legislation including the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (ALNET) Act 2018, and the ALN Code will be implemented over a 3 year period, starting from 1 September 2021.

#### **The 3 Year transformation timeline explained:**

##### **Year 1- School year 2021 to 2022**

From 1 September 2021, the ALN system will commence for **all** children up to and including Year 10, who are newly thought to have, or are newly identified as having ALN. This is also referred to as emerging needs.

That is children who:

- do not have a statement of SEN,
- do not have Special Education Provision via Early Years Action/Early Years Action Plus, School Action/School Action Plus;
- are not involved in any SEN statement process.

In addition, the ALN system will commence on 1 September 2021 for any child of compulsory school age who is detained.

From 1 January 2022, the ALN system will commence for children who currently have Special Education Provision via School Action/School Action Plus, and who attend a maintained school or a PRU and who are in Nursery Years 1 or 2, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 or Year 10.

#### **\*Update March 2022\***

Welsh Government have extended the time available to move children during the first year of implementation by one year. This means that children who were due to move to the ALN system between January 2022 and August 2022, will now move to the ALN system between January 2022 and August 2023.



This extension will be accommodated within the existing three year timeframe. This has been achieved by reorganising how specific groups of children will move in the second and third year of implementation:

### **Year 2 – School year 2022 to 2023**

The ALN system will commence for children who currently have Special Educational Provision via School Action/School Action Plus, **and** in Year 10 (and any children who were in Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 10 in 2021/22 who were not moved to the ALN system during 2021/22).

ALN system will commence for children with provision via Statements **and** in the following year groups: Nursery, Reception, Year 6, Year 10 and Year 11.

The ALN system will commence for children with provision via Early Years/School Action and Early Years/School Action Plus in the following year groups: Nursery, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6, Year 8 and Year 10.

### **Year 3 - School year 2023 to 2024**

The ALN system will commence for children with provision via Statements **and** in the following year groups: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10.

### **The SEN Code of Practice.**

Over the ALN Transformation period, learners who are NOT included in the groups above AND who are already identified as having ALN, will **continue** to be supported by the existing legislation as set out in the Education Act and the SEN Code of Practice. This means that over the 3 year transformation period, the 2 sets of legislation will run 'side by side'. Therefore learners who have existing Statements, and who are not in the year groups identified above, and others, will continue to have their provision protected and supported by the SEN Code and the existing legislation.

### **The right to request an IDP notice.**

Children or their parents, up to and including Year 10 have a right to make a request, at any time, to the school or PRU that they move to the ALN system. Children or their parents, can be make the request for an IDP notice either verbally or in writing.

Further information is available on the Welsh Government website  
<https://gov.wales/additional-learning-needs-special-educational-needs>

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