

Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol (ADY)

We live, we love we learn, we grow in Jesus.

Byw, Caru, Dysgu, Tyfu yn yr Iesu

Additional Learning Needs in Wales – what’s happening?

Watch this video to give you a simple overview of the new Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and Educational Tribunal Act.

[Additional Learning Needs in Wales – what’s happening? - YouTube](#)

The transformed system will:

- Ensure that all learners with ALN are supported to overcome barriers to learning and achieve their full potential
- Improve the planning and delivery of support for learners from 0 to 25 with ALN, placing learners’ needs, views, wishes and feelings at the heart of the process
- Focus on the importance of identifying needs early and putting in place timely and effective interventions which are monitored and adapted to ensure they deliver the desired outcomes.

New legislation and statutory guidance is only one aspect, albeit a fundamental one, of the wider package of reforms needed. The ALN transformation programme also focuses on skills development for the education workforce, to deliver effective support to learners with ALN in the classroom, as well as easier access to specialist support, information and advice.

ALN implementation timeline



ALN at Our Lady & St Michael's School



At Our Lady & St Michael's School, inclusion is at the heart of our ethos. We provide a nurturing environment where all children, regardless of their learning needs, can excel together. For children with an identified learning need, person centred practice is used to determine the barriers to learning and provision to overcome the identified barriers.

For some children with identified ALN, we adapt the classroom setting with reasonable adjustments like extended processing time, different recording methods, reading aids, or specific seating plans. These adjustments are captured in One Page Profiles, ensuring that every student receives the support they need

Children with identified additional learning needs who do not make progress through reasonable adjustments, may required a targeted intervention. These can be short term or long term and focus on specific barriers to learning, for example, additional phonic sessions, spelling interventions, additional numeracy sessions, or emotional wellbeing support such as ELSA.

All interventions used at OLSM are evidence-based, their effectiveness has been proven or informed by research and evaluation. Targeted intervention will always be discussed with parents and carers. This will be recorded through a One Page Profile and individualised targets which are tracked, monitored and reviewed on an on-going basis.

For those children with additional learning needs which call for additional learning provision (ALP), Individual Development Plans (IDPs) are created. Additional learning provision is 'additional to' or 'different from' that which is generally provided for children within our school. This provision is likely to involve advice and support from outside agencies. We will involve our educational psychologist in this process.

Our commitment to Additional Learning Needs extends to our partnerships within the Abergavenny Cluster of schools. We also work closely with local nurseries, early years providers, early years advisory teams and secondary schools to ensure a positive and successful transition to Reception and Year 7.

Further Advice and Support

If you have any questions about Additional Learning Needs (ALN) then please contact our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCO), Miss Everett, she will be happy to help. Please call **01873 735080** or email: EverettJ11@Hwbcymru.net.

Monmouthshire Additional Learning Needs Team



If you wish to contact a member of the Monmouthshire Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Team, please find further information on the link below:

[Meet the ALN team - Monmouthshire](#)

SNAP Cymru



If you would like independent advice, SNAP Cymru offers information and support to children and their parents/carers and young people who have or may have Additional Learning Needs (ALN). The service can help with advice over the phone or more-in-depth support from a caseworker at your local team. They will provide clear, reliable and straightforward information about your options and help you confidently share your views and make informed decisions.

You can contact SNAP Cymru via the helpline on **0808 801 0608** or by completing an enquiry form on www.snapcymru.org/contact

You can find out more about SNAP Cymru at www.snapcymru.org

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Welsh Government – www.gov.wales/ALN

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