



## Additional Learning Needs ALN

### B: Information for Children and Young People



**School name**

**Address**

**Telephone number**

**Head teacher: NAME**

**ALNCo: NAME**

**ALN Governor: NAME**

#### The ALN Act (The legal stuff)



If you are a child or young person with additional learning needs, there are going to be changes to the way you are supported at school. If you have a disability or a learning difficulty and you need additional learning provision you will be identified as having additional learning needs. You, along with your parents or carers, will be able to make decisions about your learning and have your say in how your school can best support you.

#### What does this mean for me?

- Individual Development Plans (IDPs), will replace statements and IEPs and these will now support you from 0 to 25 years old if required. These outline how your school can help you with your learning and progress.
- You will be at the centre of all discussions and decisions which will help you achieve your goals.
- Other adults who support you will also be involved and share what they think you need.
- If you, or your parents/carers are not happy with the plan you have the right to discuss this with staff at your school.
- The school or Local Authority will write the plan but

everyone's view will be included.

- IDPs will be reviewed every year and it will move with you to your next school or college.
- Your school will have an Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) who will make sure everything you need is in place.

#### Individual Development Plan (IDP)

If you have an Additional Learning Need (ALN) you will have an IDP. Your IDP will give details about:

- Any areas of difficulties that you have;
- Any additional support that has been agreed;
- Who is responsible for providing you with additional support;
- Outcomes for you to work towards.

IDPs will be reviewed every year but can be reviewed more regularly if there is a need to.

#### Person Centred Planning

Person Centred Planning (PCP) puts you at the centre of all planning and decisions that are made. You will be listened to and your thoughts, feelings and views will be respected and valued.



### Information Gathering

Before the review, your teacher or teaching assistant (TA) will help you gather your thoughts and views as information which will be shared with everyone during the review.



### Person Centred Review

A Person Centred Review is held every year to make sure your IDP is still right for you and you are having the right support to achieve your outcomes. You are at the centre of the review however, you do not have to be present if you do not wish to be. You can invite people who are important to you to the review. There might also be social workers, educational psychologists, doctors and your teachers present. During the review, you will have the opportunity to share information about what's important to you and what you want to achieve. Everyone attending the review will also have the chance to discuss what is currently working, not working and what they would like to see you achieve. Outcomes and actions to support you will

be agreed. The reviewed IDP will be sent to you and your parents or carers.



### One Page Profiles and Person Centred Outcomes

As a part of your IDP you will have a one page profile (OPP) and person centred outcomes.

### One Page Profiles (OPP)

You will create your OPP with your teacher or teaching assistant helping you. You will be asked to think about what is important to you and what support you need in place to help you. Once you have all of this information, you can use it to create your OPP. You will be able to design your profile by adding colour, changing the font and choosing the best picture of you to go in it. Your OPP will give people a look into your life and what they can do to help you.

### Person Centred Outcomes

You will now have outcomes to work towards, and these will be reviewed when your IDP is reviewed. Your outcomes are centered around you and you should be able to achieve them in the time given.



### Disagreements

If you or your parents/ carer disagree with a decision that has been made then you can talk to your school ALNCo or Headteacher. If you are still not happy you can get support from your ALN caseworker. Your ALNCo or Headteacher can give you the details for your ALN caseworker. Alternatively, you can email your caseworker directly on: [caseworker@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:caseworker@swansea.gov.uk)