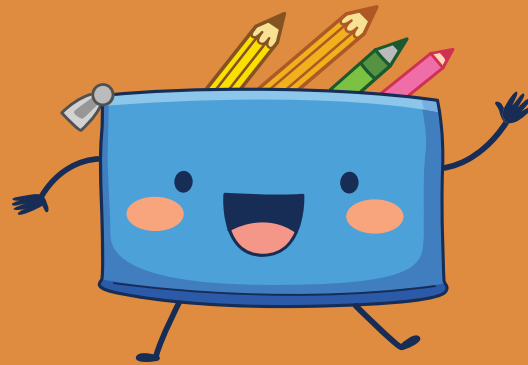
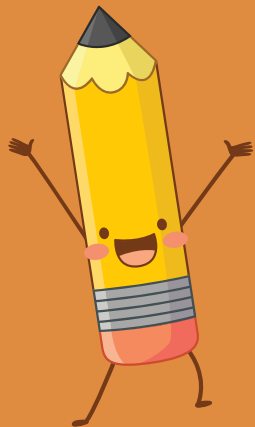




# Additional Learning Needs & Educational Tribunal Act (ALNET)



**Your child may already have been identified as having special educational needs (SEN).**

They may be receiving extra support in Colcot Primary School, to help them in their learning, or they may have a statement of special educational need. The approach to supporting children who have difficulties with learning is changing.

The Welsh Government has passed new legislation, called the Additional Learning Needs (Wales) Act, and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Code, which will replace all of the legislation and guidance about special educational needs.

As part of the Additional Learning Needs Educational Tribunal (ALNET) (Wales) Act 2018 the Welsh Government has replaced the term 'special educational needs' (SEN) with 'additional learning needs' (ALN).

However, the definition of ALN is different and you may find that your child currently has SEN but will not have ALN. This should not affect the support and help they receive in school to access learning.



# Additional Learning Needs in Colcot

ALNCO- Mrs Rose

- Pupils 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.
- Who have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream maintained school or Further Education Institution.
- The Act introduces a clear duty on local authorities to support you as parent/carers and your child to contribute to the planning for additional learning needs.

## **Update from Welsh Assembly Government on July 14th 2021:**

***The implementation of the ALN system for the first year will be sequenced. This means, for those children who are or are newly identified as having additional learning needs, (that is, those without already identified special educational needs (SEN), or are not awaiting or undergoing an SEN assessment), will still move to the new ALN system from 1 September 2021. However, for those children who attend a maintained school (including a PRU) and who have already identified SEN via school action or school action plus, the new system will apply from 1 January 2022, instead of 1 September 2021.***



# Vale of Glamorgan Website Information



Additional information is available- click the link

[Additional Learning Needs \(valeofglamorgan.gov.uk\)](http://valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)



# The Index



**Working together to keep families up to date with services, support and activities for children and young people with disabilities or additional needs across the Vale of Glamorgan.**

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 is a way of keeping families informed about what is available locally and nationally.

You will receive a newsletter every three months, packed full with information about events, activities, playschemes and services, as well as regular ebulletins.

Sign up is free and completely voluntary and you do not need to have a diagnosed disability.

Click the link for more information, as well as a quick video and an online registration form:  
[www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/theindex](http://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>

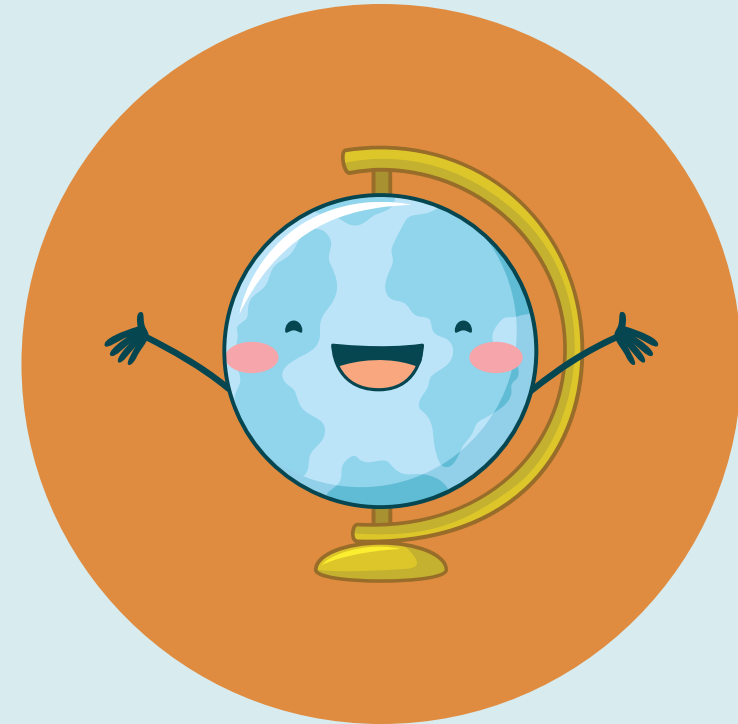
# ALN & Dispute Resolution

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.

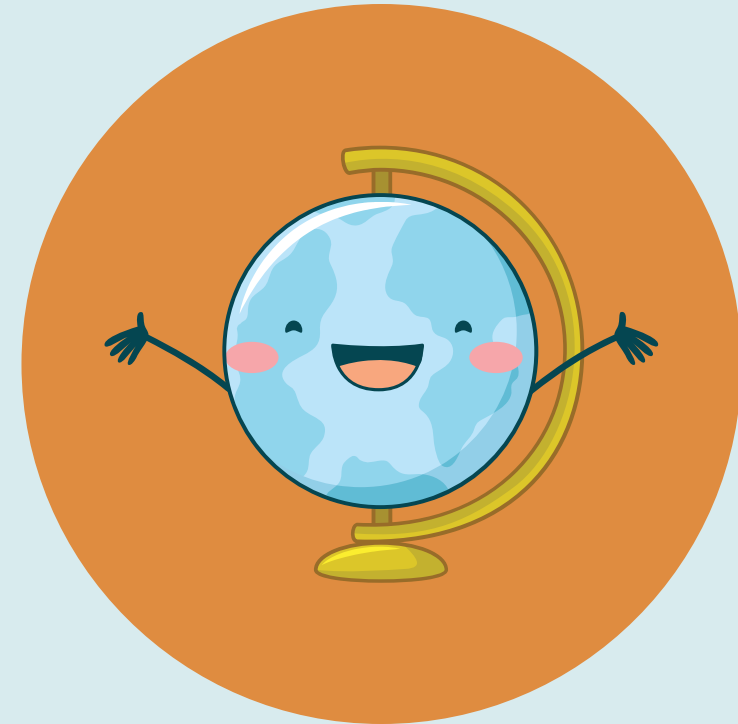
A short film produced by the Welsh Government providing an overview of the avoiding disagreement and early dispute resolution aspect of the ALN Bill now Act can be found at :

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

[Avoiding disagreements and earlier dispute resolution - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzPllzbheI8)

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](http://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

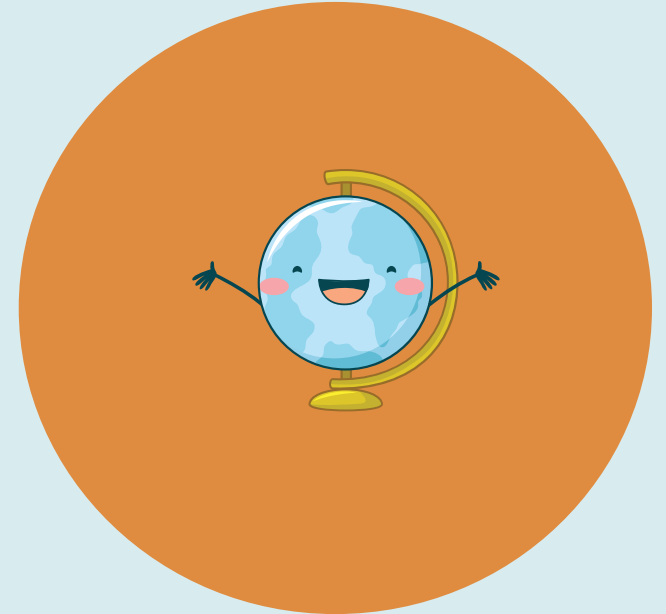
SNAP Cymru provide the following impartial, confidential and free services:

- 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](http://www.snapcymru.org) an ALN enquiry can be submitted using the form on [www.snapcymru.org/contact](http://www.snapcymru.org/contact)
- To request a dispute resolution service

email: [DRS@snapcymru.org](mailto:DRS@snapcymru.org) or for more information on dispute resolution see <https://www.snapcymru.org/mediation/>

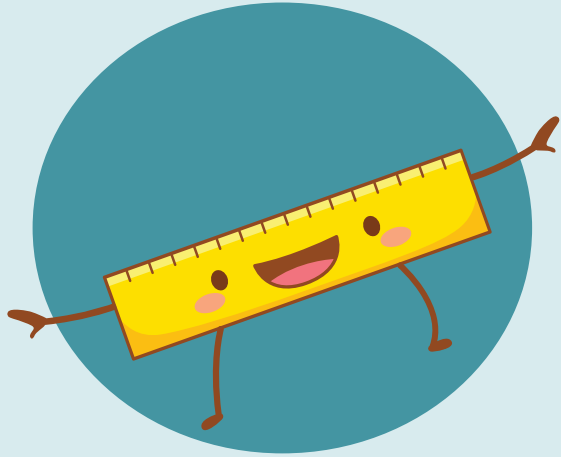




# Resources for Parent/Carers and those supporting children with ALN

A booklet is available to you in order to explain the new legislation, and how this will change the way that we will work with you to identify and support your child's needs.

[Parent Guidance Booklet](#)



Whiteboard animation - Parent /carer Guide to ALN support

<https://youtu.be/ISbao5AGqJk>

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

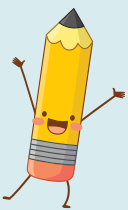
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Animation video – information supporting Children and young people (CYP) of the role of SENTW

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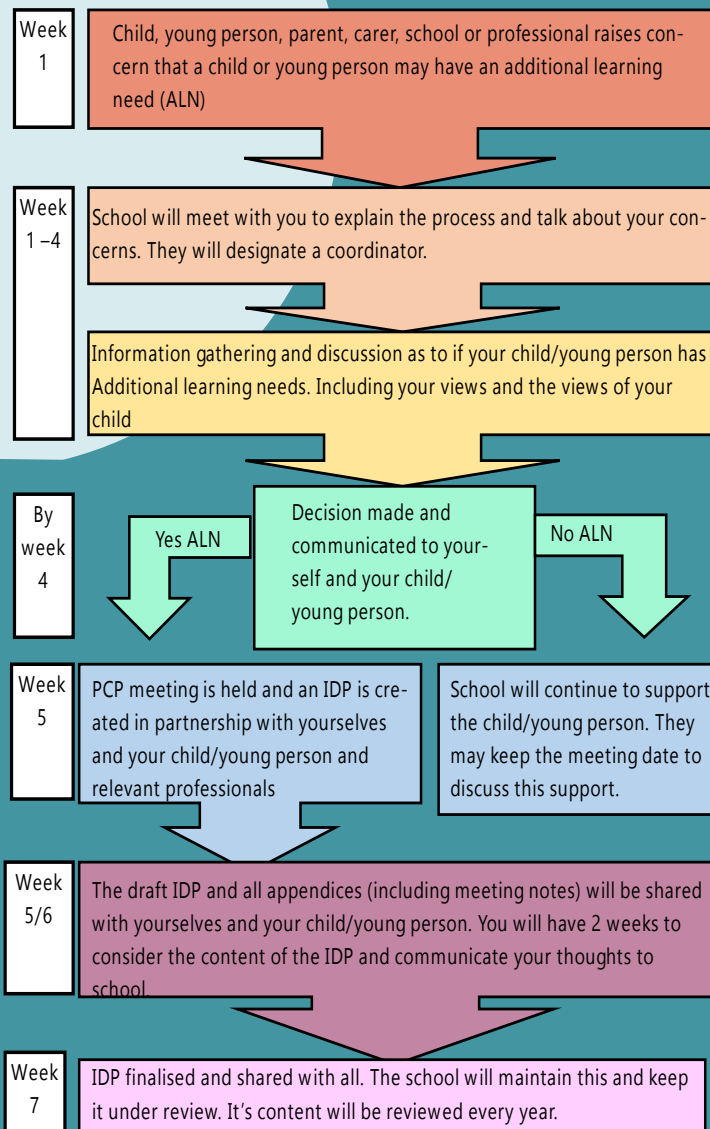
**To access all video clips at once please use the following link:**

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

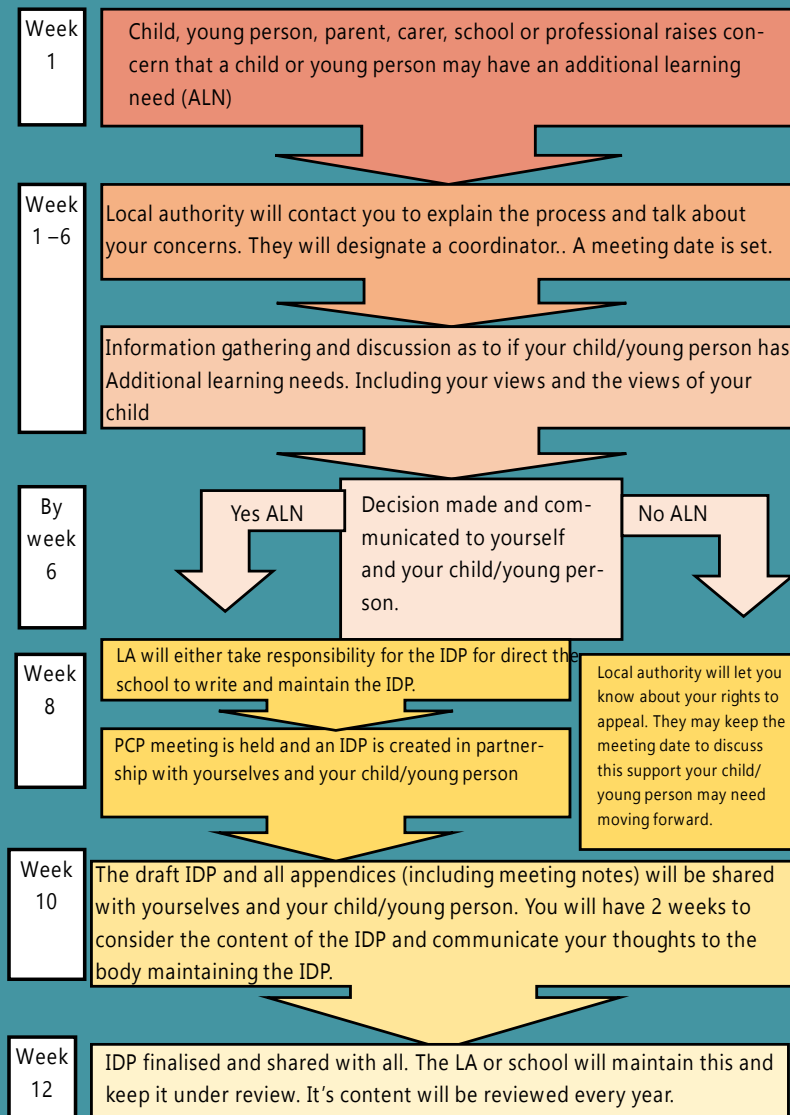


# Parent flow charts

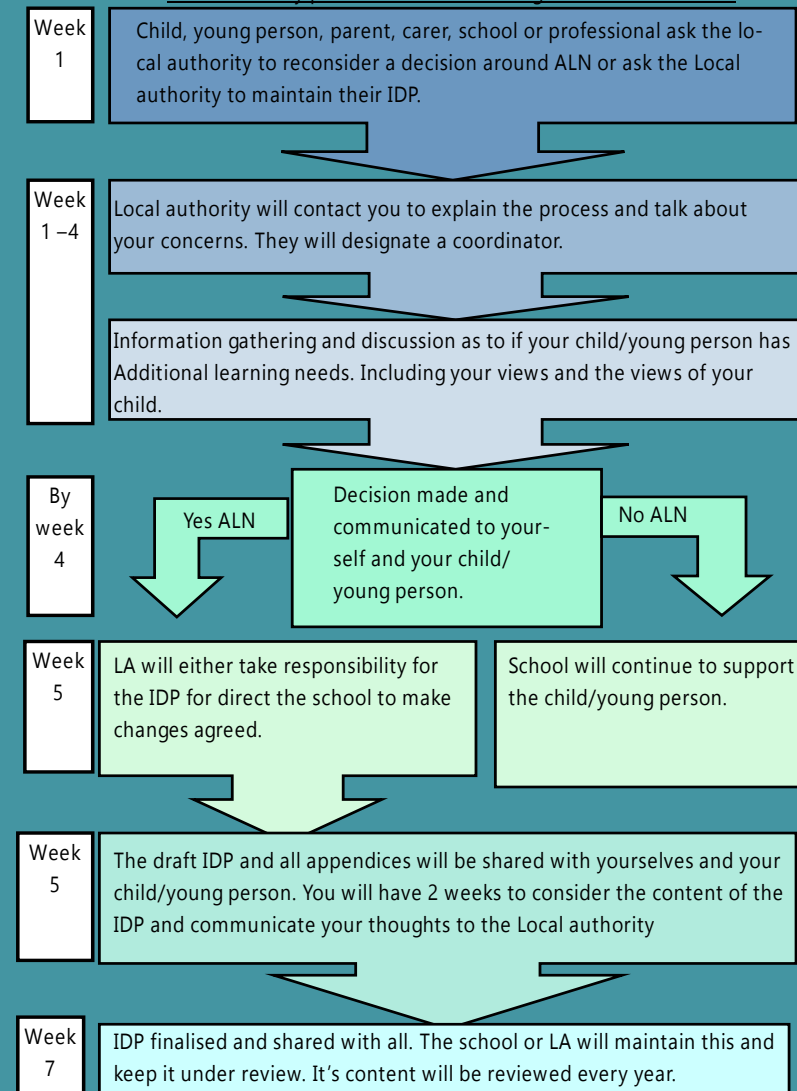
## School process for identifying and supporting ALN



## Local authority process for identifying and supporting ALN



## Local authority process for reconsidering decisions about ALN



# Information Posters

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**Further information for parents, carers and young people**



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A3 Poster ENG Video 2 Parent.pdf



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