🔎 Identification of ALN

If you, your child, or the school think your child may have **Additional Learning Needs (ALN)**, their needs will be considered carefully. Parents and children should be involved in the decision-making process, with their views, wishes and feelings taken into account.

📘 Individual Development Plans (IDPs)

Where it is decided that a child has ALN, an **Individual Development Plan (IDP)** is used to identify their needs and the **Additional Learning Provision (ALP)** required to support them. The ALN system is intended to ensure needs are identified early and addressed quickly.

🗣️ Welsh-language Additional Learning Provision

If your child needs their ALP to be provided **through the medium of Welsh**, this should be recorded in their IDP. The ALN framework requires **all reasonable steps** to be taken to secure that provision in Welsh.

💬 Information, Advice and Support

Parents and children have access to information, advice and support to help them understand the ALN system and take part in decisions. The Welsh Government parent toolkit also provides guidance on reconsiderations, advocacy and parents' rights.

🤝 What if we disagree?

We want concerns to be discussed and resolved **as early as possible**. Parents should have opportunities to raise concerns, ask questions and work with the school to find a way forward.

There are also formal routes available within the ALN system, including reconsideration of certain decisions, disagreement-resolution arrangements and rights of appeal to the **Education Tribunal for Wales** in relation to local-authority decisions.

The most important thing is to talk to us. By working together with your child at the centre of the conversation, we can help make sure their needs are understood and appropriately supported. Email: damail@hwbcymru.net or dahead@hwbcymru.net