



## Additional learning needs (special educational needs)

At Ysgol Carrog we regularly monitor and assess pupils and sometimes we find a pupil has an additional learning need (ALN), this may be a physical need such as mobility or vision difficulties, or it may be learning based need in either a specific area such as spelling or a more general need for support across the curriculum. It may be that they need extra support with emotions or regulating their behaviour.

We know everybody works at a different level and pace, we aim to make sure each pupil meets their own potential and achieves the best they are capable of as an individual.

When a child's additional need impacts their learning we take action as a school and place them on the ALN register at 'school action' (SA) to ensure we give them the extra support they need through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). This will be reviewed termly and sent home. Pupils can come off and on the register as their needs change.

Should this targeted support not work over a term of intervention we will ask outside agencies (specialists) to help us make a plan to support them, at this stage they are put on the ALN register at 'school action plus' (SA+) as we are accessing some extra support. Pupils can move up and down the register as their needs change.

We can ask Denbighshire County Council for support from their specialists this may be in the form of:

- ALN ADVICE
- BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SERVICES OUTREACH AND UNIT
- ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
- EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY REPORT
- YSGOL PLAS BRONDYFFRYN OUTREACH (AUSTISM)
- TI'R MORFA OUTREACH (COMPLEX NEEDS)
- TI'R MORFA ICT (ICT TO HELP SEN)
- CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES COUNSELLING SERVICE

We may ask the NHS or social services for support from either our school nurse or other agencies such as:

- SPEECH AND LANGAUGE THERAPY
- VISION TEAM
- HEARING IMPAIRMENT TEAM
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- CHILD AND ADULT MENTAL HEALTH (camhs)
- SOCIAL SERVICES/ TEAM AROUND THE FAMILY

If a pupil's additional need makes it hard to access the curriculum despite lots of extra support we may consider applying for a 'statement of special educational needs', this results in a more detailed document that details all the expert's advice and sets a plan for that child's learning. It is reviewed annually with the parents and all people involved. If you would like more information about the Welsh Government's code of practice and how ALN pupils are provided for please go to:

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/additional-learning-special-educational-needs/special-educational-needs/?lang=en>

#### Working together

You will always be consulted if we feel your child has an additional need and we will work together to plan the best way forward. Feel free to approach your child's teacher or other staff member or additional learning needs co-ordinator: Mrs Michelle Theobald-Beaumont if you feel your child has an additional need or if there is anything you would like to discuss around this.

\*N.B There are some changes to this system coming in 2020 called ALN reforms, if you would like to know more about it go to:

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/additional-learning-special-educational-needs/transformation-programme/?lang=en>