



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please read the attached [information for parents leaflet](#) regarding school funding for Additional Learning Needs which describes changes to the ways we fund and support children with Additional Learning Needs. From April 2023 the ALN Support budget has no longer been based on named learners but is now determined by a formula. Schools now have a single ALN Support budget to make Additional Learning Provision (ALP) for all learners with ALN. In reality an increase in numbers of children with Additional Learning Needs has meant that the allocated budget is equivalent to a significant reduction in funding. This is the case in many schools across Cardiff.

Changes at Coed Glas

As part of the funding changes, the local authority is encouraging schools to review how they are supporting children. While there are many learners in our schools who need high levels of support - in some cases throughout the school day - 'one to one' support is not usually the best way to provide this.

Many schools have found that a combination of shared support, small group work, and some individual intervention, is the most effective way to make sure pupils with ALN:

- Have opportunities to learn through interaction with other children.
- Are supported to develop independence for learning.
- Are safe and feel safe in school.
- Avoid becoming over-dependent on one named adult in the school.

From September we will be ensuring that the Additional Learning Provision described in children's Individual Development Plans is provided through a combination of shared support, small group work and some individual intervention. As well as this, our younger children will benefit from the support of a qualified higher level teaching assistant as well as class teaching assistants and our older children will have access to a learning base with support from a teacher and teaching assistant. Children will access the learning base for varying amounts of time depending on their needs.

We are confident that children's Additional Learning Provision will be met in this way so that all children continue to make progress.

Yours sincerely,

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