

# ***Aims of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act (Wales) 2018***

The Welsh Government has stated the following broad aims of the Act:



## **SEN to ALN**

We will be using the term 'additional learning needs' rather than 'special educational needs'. All schools will have an Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo).

Children or young people have an additional learning need when:

- they have a significant difficulty or disability that means they need targeted and sustained support;
- they find it much harder to learn than children or young people of the same age nationally;
- they have a disability that means they cannot use their local school or college.



## **0-25 Years Old**

Children or young people with ALN will have one system of support from the age of 0 to 25 years old.



## **Participation of Children and Young People**

What children and young people think, feel and would like will be central in our planning. The children and young people will be part of developing their Individual Development Plans.



*Belief in an inclusive and equitable system where the needs all of can be met to ensure successful, independent and resilient children and young people*



## **Collaboration**

The thoughts, feelings and wishes of parents and carers will be gathered as an on-going process. Where relevant schools will work with health, social services and anyone else who supports the child or the young person.



## **Disagreement Resolution and Rights of Appeal**

Whenever possible, disagreements will be dealt with as quickly as possible with the school and the key people involved.

*An appeal is when you request that a decision be changed.*

Independent support groups will be able to listen and help if there are disagreements which cannot be resolved. Children, young people, parents and carers have the right to appeal decisions made by the school and the Local Authority about the child or young person's additional learning needs or additional learning provision.