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Summer Term Additional Learning Needs Newsletter



Shwmae Parents,

This summer we are beginning the transformation towards the new ALN (Additional Learning Needs) Act. This means that a number of changes will take place over a period of transition in the next two years until, Summer 2023.

ALN is everyone's business...

So, what are the changes being made?

- ALN will cover a whole spectrum of needs, from so-called 'high functioning' autism, through dyslexia, dyspraxia and ADHD, to serious global learning delays/difficulties and major physical disabilities.
- The ALN Act aims to help children and young people with ALN overcome barriers to learning and reach their full potential.
- Learners with Additional Learning Needs will now be catered for from birth to 25 years of age. This means they will be supported throughout their education and their onward journey into the world as young adults.
- We will be moving away from IEPs (Individual Educational Programmes) to IDPs (Individual Development Plans) the differences in these documents can be accessed via our school website in the ALN section.
- ALN is transforming to ensure that your child is fully at the centre of and included in every step of their learning journey. This means that they will be included in every meeting to have a say and a voice in the decisions being made about their ALN needs and their learning journey.

- TAPPAS meetings (Team Around Pupil, Parents and Schools) will continue termly with the support and guidance from various agencies to ensure the best support for your children.

Here is a useful Welsh Government factsheet.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-06/aln-factsheet-how-will-the-act-affect-children-young-people-and-parents-carers.pdf>



ALN in Wales – What's happening and changing?

<https://youtu.be/00gHqzWowPg>

Our school website has been updated with a new ALN section where you can access all this information and more. <https://www.stfranciscatholicschool.co.uk/aln>

Parents ALN session: Monday 12th July 2021 at 9:30am

The parents meeting will be via Teams. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Mrs Howell on the following address for an invite or phone the school office on the following number;

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Electronic Invites will be sent out Friday afternoon.