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Additional Learning Needs @ Oldcastle Primary School



- What you can expect from the school and the LA regarding ALN?
- What is ALN?
- How we support pupils at Oldcastle

The new ALN Bill...what is it?



The biggest change for children who have learning needs - 2021 to 2025

- From Special Educational Needs/learning difficulties to **Additional Learning Needs**
- Bringing together all existing systems into a new, single system for ALN (no more statements, IAP's etc)
- The learners and families to be more involved - Families have crucial information that can help school's support children's learning and we welcome input from parents and carers
- A fair and transparent system with appeal process for any disagreements
- Graduated roll out system from 2021 to August 2025



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Has my child got ALN?

In the new ALN Act...

The ALNET Wales Act 2018 (Part 2, Chapter 1) says:

A person has **(ALN)** if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for **additional learning provision. (ALP)**

- A child does *not* have ALN if their lack of progress or learning difficulties can be addressed through differentiated teaching of the kind that is usually available in schools, called **Universal Provision**

So...do they have a learning difficulty or disability AND do they need provision that is in addition to and different from other pupils?

A diagnosis does not always mean ALN

Currently we have just under 2% of pupils with ALN - the large majority have their needs met through Universal Provision

Pupil Progress Reviews held every term



What happens if
there is concern
my child may have
ALN?



What happens?

- **Person Centred Planning (PCP)** meeting will be held with anyone involved with your child to share information
- Decision will be made whether child has a learning need that can't be met with the Universal Provision at school
- An **Individual Development Plan (IDP)** will be developed involving the child where appropriate, with outcomes and shared
- Reviewed annually
- The new system intends to be transparent and parents/carers involved in the process. This should avoid disagreements but if they are not happy with decisions that have been made about their ALN or IDP by a school, they may request that the LA reviews or reconsiders it.

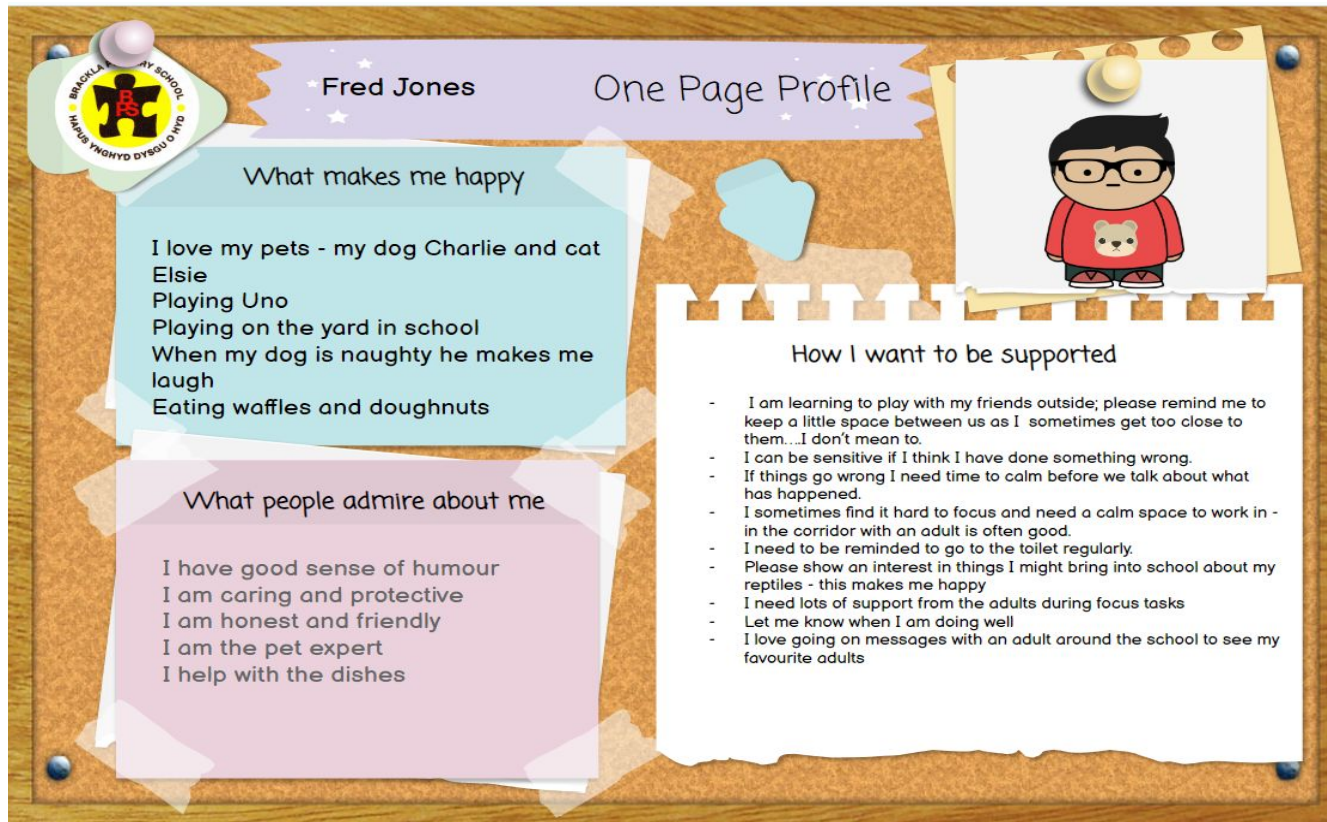


What is available at
Oldcastle to
support pupils?



Universal Provision at Oldcastle...

Every child has a **One Page Profile** outlining what support they may need, any approaches that help your child, do they need access any particular resources and any targeted support programmes they may be having to help with their needs.



Universal Provision at Oldcastle

Wellbeing, Emotional and Social needs

- Outdoor learning for all pupils- supports areas of the curriculum as well as Wellbeing
- Thrive Time/Plans - a whole school approach to help children become more emotionally resilient and better placed to engage with life and learning. - individual support sessions, group work
- Morning provision (Croeso) until 9:30 for any who may be anxious, upset, going through difficulties
- Family Engagement Officer - safe and Nurturing provision to help with wellbeing and relationships



Universal Provision at Oldcastle...

Literacy and Numeracy needs

- Differentiated work usually in groups
- Work is chunked , use of scaffolds, alphabet mats, extra thinking time, partner work, number lines, sentence starters, triangular pencils, reading rulers
- Use of technology to record or read text
- Higher level of in-class support
- Extra reading with an adult
- In Guided Group Reading (GGR) pupils may have different phonics/spellings
- DEST (Dyslexia Early Screening Test)



Universal Provision at Oldcastle...

Physical and sensory needs

- Hearing impaired - seating arrangements, aides, support from the HI team
- Visually impaired - support from VI services
- Gross/fine motor difficulties - fine motor activities like finger gym to strengthen the muscles in the fingers and activities which support and monitor children and suggests support to develop gross motor skills



Universal Provision at Oldcastle...

Communication needs

- WellComm in Nursery
- Speech Links programmes for delivery of Sounds
- Language Links programmes in a group to help with understanding of language
- Behavioural or ASD support is bespoke to the child - reasonable adjustments e.g. ear defenders, timers, fidget toys, visual prompts, extra adult support, lunchtime provision,



Who supports the
school?





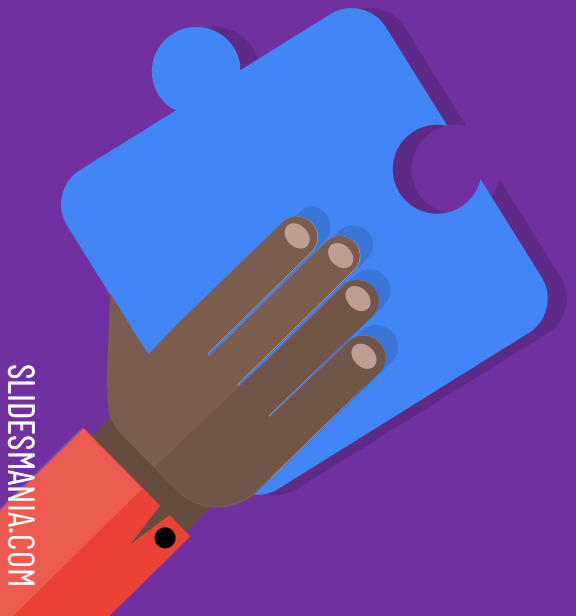
We can make referrals to:

- ☐ School Educational Psychology service
- ☐ Cognition & Learning
- ☐ Health visitors/school nurse
- ☐ Communications and Relationships (CART) team
- ☐ Speech therapists
- ☐ Occupational Therapists
- ☐ Mental health support (CAMHS)
- ☐ Early Help for support at home (disability team)

Sensory Room



What should I do
if I have a
concern?





If you are concerned about any aspect of your child's development, talk with the class teacher. I am available to chat over any ALN needs you may have questions about.
Thank you

Any questions?

ALN for families

Thank you to all who came along to find out about how we support pupils at Oldcastle Primary - there is a link to the presentation on the school website in the Parents section under Additional Learning Needs.

