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Dear Parent/Guardians

The Welsh Government is changing the way that the children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) will be supported. The new system defines SEN as Additional Learning Needs (ALN). The law is changing for several reasons, but the main one is to make the process simpler and more transparent for all involved. There will be a phased approach to these changes over three years. This means there will be two systems operating from Sept 2021-2024, the new ALN system and the current SEN system.

The legislative framework of the new system is created by the Additional Educational Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 ('the Act'), the ALN Code for Wales and regulations under the Act. Through this statutory framework the Welsh Government aims to ensure that all learners with ALN are supported to overcome barriers to learning and can achieve their full potential.

Most learners will make progress in their learning and will not have ALN. The individual needs of learners will be met within universal provision in school and settings. The very few learners who do not make progress through universal provision may be identified as having ALN. As all learners in school will inevitably progress at different rates, the fact that a learner is underperforming by comparison to others of the same age is not proof of ALN. They may indeed require support and access to differentiated curriculum to make suitable progress, but this does not automatically mean that they have ALN.

For us as a school, this means that **if your child currently receives any additional support, then this will not change.** Your child will continue to receive the individual help and support they need. Your child's progress will continue to be regularly monitored but they not be identified as having an additional learning need.

More information about these changes can be found on the BCBC website <https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/additional-learning-needs/>

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely