



Milford Haven Community Primary School

Newsletter October 2021

ALN Letter

Please see the following letter outlining how the new Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act (ALN ET 2018) will affect your child's education in the future



September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act (ALN ET 2018)

The system for supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disability in Wales is changing. The Welsh Government is bringing in a new more flexible and responsive system of meeting the needs of children with special educational needs or disabilities and are striving to deliver a fully inclusive education system for the learners of Wales.

The new system will ensure:

- needs are identified early, addressed quickly and all learners are supported to reach their potential.
- our professionals are skilled and confident in identifying needs and

deploying strategies to help learners overcome their barriers to learning.

- that the learner is at the centre of everything we do and that they and their parents and carers are equal partners in their learning. (Person Centred Approach)

From September 2021 the new system will be **brought in gradually** over the next few years (2021 -2024). Here are some of the key messages about these changes and what they may mean for you and your child.

Key Messages

The term Additional Learning Needs (ALN) will replace the terms Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (LDD)

Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs) in schools will now be called Additional Learning Needs Coordinators (ALNCOs)

The mandatory ALN Code for the new system will cover children and young people aged 0-25. This means that early years and further education colleges will have duties under the Act, but this does not include higher education or apprenticeships.

The current graduated system of Early Years/School Action, Early Years/ School Action Plus and Statements is being replaced over the course of the next 3 years. All children and young people with an identified additional learning need (ALN) that requires additional learning provision (ALP) will have an Individual Development Plan (IDP). The IDP will replace all other individual plans. IDPs for children under compulsory school age, who require them, i.e.in the early years will be maintained by local authorities.

Most Individual Development Plans will be maintained by the school but may also be maintained by the Local Authority for those learners with the most complex needs.

The Act expects that all partners such as Education, Health and Social Care will work in collaboration to support children and young people with ALN.

There will be increased opportunities for children, young people, parents and carers to contribute to the creation and maintenance of Individual Development Plans through Person Centered Planning.

It is expected that working together more closely should help to avoid disagreements.

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure additional learning provision will be provided in Welsh, if required

Additional Information

The interactive e-learning course giving an introduction to the new ALN system is now available on the Welsh Government's Hwb platform. Here is a Hwb news article introducing the course, which is currently on the Hwb homepage: <https://hwb.gov.wales/news/articles/20686965-8669-40ac-bdc5-599f4a4dfe8b>

And here is the link to the course itself: <https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/publishers/9fb2afc9-6408-4aa3-9474-3c745006535b/resource/c8033263-aaa0-42fc-9511-ab7d33bd8084/en>

Welsh Government website: <https://gov.wales/additional-learning-needs-special-educational-needs>

SNAP Cymru as our parent partnership service provides dispute resolution and advocacy support for children and young people www.snapcymru.org

Leaflets explaining in more detail-Person Centred Practice, The IDP; Dispute Resolution and the Tribunal system are also available

If you would like any additional information or advice, please contact the school or the Pembrokeshire County Council Additional Needs Service.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The school's Macmillan Coffee Morning was a wonderful success! Thank you for your superb support, as always. We raised the fantastic amount of £735.64 from the event.



Springboard



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Springboard is a Learning Pembrokehire Project providing FUN, FREE, Family Learning opportunities for families at Milford Haven Community Primary School.

All Springboard activities are for families to enjoy together and take place at the school.

All of these activities are provided FREE of charge and take part during the school day.

Places are limited Booking is essential.

To join in or for more info Text / Phone Amy on 07796 997491 or message us on our Facebook page - Springboard Pembrokehire



THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER BUSHCRAFT

Year 3
9.15am - 11.15am
or
1pm - 3pm



Why not come and join your child on this outdoor Bush craft activity. Chris from 'Buzzard Bush craft' will teach you some outdoor survival skills including shelter building, fire lighting and archery.

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER LEGO ROBOTICS



Year 4
9.15am - 11.15am

Come and join your child from Year 4 in this amazing interactive session, work together to build models from Lego and with the help of our Tutor, use coding and robotics to make them come alive!

THURSDAY 14TH & 21ST OCTOBER (2 WEEK ACTIVITY)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Years 5
9.15am - 11.15am



Year 6
1pm - 3pm

Work with our professional photographer to capture images around the local area. Learn how to use a digital camera and editing software to produce some wonderful canvases to be displayed around the school. All equipment provided.

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Harvest

The school will be celebrating harvest on Wednesday 20 October 2021.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we are unable to invite you into our services. However, we will post snaps of the event online for you to see. There will be bins located at the front of each school where parents/ carers can donate tins or packets of food that we will then ensure are distributed to those who would benefit in the community. Please no fresh food this year. Many thanks, as always, for your support!



Covid-19 Welsh Government Guidance

Please be aware of the latest guidance about what to do if you have been a close contact of somebody who has tested positive:



Masks on school site



Please also note that PCC are still asking all visitors to school sites to wear masks to help stop the spread of Covid within our community. Please can all parents / carers continue to support us with this. Many thanks, as always, from all the team at MHPCS.

Annual Report to Parents

Every year the Governing Body produces its Annual Report to Parents. This is just being finalised at present and will be sent out electronically to you shortly. Please look out for it.

Shwmae Day

MHCPS will be celebrating Shwmae Day :

Diwrnod Shwmae!

15.10.2021

Shwmae day (shoe-my)

Please help us celebrate our
Welsh language 

Get creative and think of a way to promote the day!

Maybe...

- graffiti write Shwmae
- Tik Tok Shwmae
- collage Shwmae

We will choose & celebrate the best idea from each year group 🏆

Don't forget to encourage family & friends
to say 'Shwmae' (hi) during the day!

Children may come to school wearing red, white and/or green for the day.

Half Term

Schools break up for the October half term on Friday 22 October 2021. The school reopens to pupils on Monday 1 November 2021. Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable half term break!