



# SNAP Cymru

## Information, Advice and Support for Young People



We offer free, independent advice & support for young people with additional learning needs (ALN)



## Introduction

The Welsh Government wants young people with additional learning needs to have more say about the support they need.

You should be asked to make decisions about:

- What support you need
- The school or college you want to go to
- What you want to do in the future

## Being supported in College

Colleges must follow the ALN Code for Wales 2021. This means they have to:

- Support students with ALN
- Follow the Equality Act 2010

Colleges must organise the Additional Learning Provision where it's needed. Additional Learning Provision is any support that's different or extra to what's offered to other students.

Your school or college will keep looking at the support they give you and decide if it is enough to help you learn. You may need different sorts of support at different times.

## Individual Development Plans

If you have additional learning needs, the college will prepare an Individual Development Plan (IDP)

In developing your IDP you will have the chance to say what you might need support with.

Preparing your IDP will take 35 term time days and will list all the support you will receive.

Once the support plan or IDP is in place, you will have a named person responsible for your plan and for making sure you can access the support described. This person is usually called the Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) but can have other names too.

If you are aged 16 or over, you will be the main person making decisions, but you can have someone else such as your parents to help you with this.





## If you need help, contact us:

- 📞 Helpline: 0808 801 0608
- ✉ Email: [enquiries@snapcymru.org](mailto:enquiries@snapcymru.org)
- 🌐 [www.snapcymru.org](http://www.snapcymru.org)
- 🐦 @snapcymru
- 📘 SNAP Cymru

These services can help you with 'one off', straightforward enquiries or more in depth support from a caseworker from your local team

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Here are some things you might want to think about when deciding on the support you get:

- What sort of decisions are you comfortable making?
- Do you want anyone else to be involved in the decisions you make? For example, an advocate or your parents?

## Questions to ask your school or college:

- What support does the school or college offer for students who have ALN like me?
- What support can I get to help me?
- What decisions can I make about my support?
- Who do I talk to if I need more support?



## How SNAP Cymru can help:

- Explore your options with you
- Provide information to help you to make informed decisions
- Put you in contact with the right people, or contact them on your behalf
- Help you prepare and/or go with you to support you in meetings
- Give you the skills and confidence to make decisions

**"I'm so thankful for the help I received from SNAP Cymru, I finally had the help I needed to resolve problems I was having in college, and I feel that they encouraged me to be as independent in my learning as possible. I'm now able to advocate for myself and make informed choices independently."**