



Education and Inclusion Services Directorate

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National Timetable and Practitioner Guidance for the Implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (ALNET) Act

Welsh Government have set out a national three-year timetable for the implementation of the new ALN legislation. The phased implementation began in September 2021 and will be completed by August 2024.

Despite amendments to the original timetable, the final three - year implementation plan was confirmed by Jeremy Miles, Education Minister in a written statement on 23rd March 2022.

Following completion of year 1 of the implementation plan during academic year 2021/22, years 2 & 3 are summarised as follows:

School year 2022/23 – children with provision via school action/school action plus: Year 10 (and any children who were in Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 10 in 2021/22 who were not moved to the ALN system during 2021/22)

School year 2022/23 – children with provision via statements: Nursery, Reception, Year 6, Year 10 and Year 11.

School year 2023/24 - children with provision via school action/school action plus: Nursery, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6, Year 8 and Year 10.

School year 2023/24 – children with provision via statements: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10.

The full written ministerial statement can be found at

[Written Statement: Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act 2018 Implementation \(23 March 2022\) | GOV.WALES](#)

In June 2022 Welsh Government published a practitioner guide to support professionals to understand the arrangements for moving children from the special educational needs (SEN) system to the additional learning needs (ALN) system during the three-year ALN implementation timescale.

[Implementing the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018: practitioner guide](#)

A practitioner session video produced by Welsh Government which provides an overview of the three-year implementation plan is also available.

[Practitioner information session video: Implementing the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018.](#)