

ALN Resource Base Consultation - Thematic Analysis

The primary themes arising from the analysis of responses including: social media and face to face engagement; written, email and survey correspondence are detailed below. The frequency of reference to each theme (from the most to the least prevalent) is also noted:

Theme	Frequency
This proposal will meet demand, increase capacity for ALN and cater for children's needs in both primary and secondary provision with an implementation timeline. This also allows children to stay in mainstream schools. The offer of Welsh and English provision is encouraging. There is a diverse range of schools considered across the county borough including Faith Based provision	33
The capacity in existing provision is full and there is a lack of specialist provision in mainstream settings, these can fail children especially when full class sizes are being affected by children who desperately need the ALN provision, as there is not enough provision.	12
Accessing learning environment for ALN learners in the correct way with highly skilled staff and training opportunities is the right approach	7
There is a need to consider early years settings for ALN in mainstream settings, as a result of covid and increased diagnosis of children.	6
Adequate funding is required to support the delivery for ALN as there has previously been a lack of investment.	5
It is good to see there is recognition that all efforts are made to ensure transition for pupils from primary into secondary provision for ALN learners in mainstream bases.	5
No adverse effect on current provision, reviewing current provision as well will support ALN needs i.e. possible increase in numbers at current provision.	4
On occasion referral panels haven't been successful in placing pupils as they cannot offer places and some schools are at breaking point. The council is out of touch and more needs to be done to support learners.	4
This proposal will increase capacity, however the places are needed now and not over a 6 year period.	3
There needs to be more clarification around ASD/ALN and how both can be met in the settings identified.	3
I believe there needs to be more links with the school improvement partners to support learning outcomes	3
It is good to see that Welsh-medium provision is included in the proposal however, there is a need for the provision before September 2024 as	2

identified within the consultation document. There is also a need by WG to lead on this otherwise we will have a generation being left aside.	
The proposal has been developed too quickly and without discussion of experts in this field.	2
Good to see that transport costs to provisions is noted in consultation document however it is also prudent to note that there is risk that due to Covid there may not be as many bus companies/taxis available to accommodate the need for transport.	2
There should be more discussion around phase 2 with the diocesan of schools along with governing bodies and schools.	1
What will happen to the appointment of staff if this proposal does not go forward?	1
From a parent's perspective it will be good to keep siblings together in a mainstream school if one has to attend a RB, better for parents.	1
It will open spaces in Pen y Cwm for additional pupils which is much needed.	1
Perhaps there should be consideration of trialling a bilingual base.	1
Noted the absence of promotion by the council/education the celebration of Autism Day in Blaenau Gwent.	1