

*These notes refer to the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 24 January 2018*

# **ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS AND EDUCATION TRIBUNAL (WALES) ACT 2018**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS OF THE ACT**

#### **Part 2 – Additional Learning Needs**

##### ***Chapter 1 – Key Terms, Code and Participation***

#### **Participation, United Nations conventions and access to information**

##### ***Section 6 - Duty to involve and support children, their parents and young people***

22. **Section 6** seeks to ensure that local authorities, governing bodies and others exercising functions under Part 2 place children, their parents and young people at the centre of decisions taken under the Act which directly affect them, and so enable them to participate in a fully informed way. It does this by requiring persons exercising functions under Part 2 in relation to a child or young person to have regard to the matters listed. In practice, this means that, for example, if a governing body is preparing an IDP for a child under section 14, it would need to provide information and support to the child and their parent to enable them to participate in decisions such as what ALP is called for by the child's ALN, give them an opportunity to do so and take into account their views, wishes and feelings.