

Right to Appeal to the Education Tribunal for Wales (ETW)



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Children and young people can also make an appeal by telling the tribunal that they disagree with a decision about their education.



Children and young people can ask an adult to help fill in the appeal application form. If they have someone to help them, the name for this person is a 'case friend'. The case friend must tell/inform the tribunal that they are helping.

The process of developing an Individual Development Plan (IDP) which makes sure the views, wishes and feelings of you and your child or young person are represented, helps to overcome concerns and prevents disagreements from arising.

Early resolution of any disagreements is best for everyone and can help to avoid stress.

If you are unable to agree about decisions or provision, independent parent partnership services provided by the Local Authority can support you.

SNAP Cymru is an all-Wales children's charity working with families, young people and professionals in our area on issues regarding additional learning needs and disabilities.

The information and advice line is available: Monday–Friday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm.
www.snapcymru.org/help-for-families/

If your concerns or disagreements are to do with a service that the health service provides then your Local Authority and the Designated Clinical Education Lead Officer (DECLO) will work together with the health board, to try to find a solution.

Information on the putting things right process can be found at:
www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/publicaccountability/puttingthingsright

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