



Parents' Guide to More Able and Talented Learners

Article 3 - Adults should always do what's best for you

Article 4 - The Government should make sure that all children and young people get these rights.

Article 6 - You have the right to grow up and reach your full potential.

Article 29 - Education must promote your rights and help you develop your skills and talents to the full.

Definition

In Wales the term 'More Able & Talented' encompasses approximately 20% of the total school population, and is used to describe pupils who require enriched and extended opportunities across the curriculum in order to develop their abilities in one or more areas.

'Meeting the Challenge' 2008

If you think your child is more able and talented what can you do?

- Share information with the school- parent consultations are a good time to do this
- Ask questions – especially if you don't understand

How can you support your child?

There are many practical steps you can take to support your child:

- Set time aside each day to talk with your child e.g. watch educational and current affairs programmes and discuss with them.
- Take the time to develop positive relationships with your child's school and teachers.
- Encourage him/her to sample new activities e.g. visit museums, science centres, nature reserves or art galleries.
- Use the environment to provide a broad range of experiences e.g. visits to galleries, museums, sports centre.
- Provide resources to support learning at home e.g. internet, visual stimuli, books, maps.
- Read a quality national newspaper/Children's newspaper like "First News".
- Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities at school and beyond, including summer schools, outreach and distance learning activities.
- If your child complains about being bored, take the comments seriously and seek a solution with your child, and the school if appropriate.
- Encourage your child to take an active part in family decision-making.
- Give your child time to relax and play.

What is the school doing to support your child?

- There is a teacher with the responsibility for these children in school
- There is a school policy for More Able and Talented pupils
- Children's talents and abilities are identified and all staff are aware of their specific learning needs
- All teachers provide suitably challenging work/activities in lessons
- Standards reached by more able and talented learners are appropriate to their ability
- Extra-curricular opportunities within and outside of school are identified where appropriate
- The school works in partnership with parents/carers and providers



What can I do to help the school support my child?

You are an important factor in the development of your child. If there is anything you feel we should know, for example hidden abilities, please let us know. Parents, teachers and most importantly children all benefit from good school-parent liaison.

Where can I get more information?

NACE Cymru National Association for Able Children in Education

<http://www.nace.co.uk/cymru.html>

ESTYN Supporting More Able and Talented Pupils in the Primary School

