

As a parent of two gifted children i have seen first hand the need for teachers to be educated/trained. without education and training in the needs of gifted children it is impossible for teachers to support their learning needs. while schools and teachers are often keen to help they are not sure how to. Even when they do have ILP's etc in place without understanding how to actually differentiate to cater to the gifted children in their classrooms it does not meet their specialised needs.

from my experience it is only those that have completed further study in gifted education (usually post-grad) that really understand this niche. there is a far greater focus and resources spent on bringing children struggling up to the level required and our gifted children are neglected. without actually learning how to learn and persevere at challenging tasks our children can be set up for failure in the longer term leading to school refusal, mental health issues and a loss of their passion for learning.

I really hope this is taken seriously and given our wonderful teachers are given the training to allow them to support all children in their classrooms.