



Report summary for parents and carers on Cefneithin Primary School

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by Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

Overview

Ysgol Cefneithin has a happy and friendly ethos. Pupils, staff and parents take pride in the school's homely and inclusive environment. The vision of 'gwreiddiau cadarn – sylfaen i'r dyfodol' ('firm roots – a foundation for the future') reflects the school's ethos to encourage pupils to reflect on their values and act on them. Everyone is respected and they are very caring towards each other and the community. As a result, pupils' attitudes to learning are a strength and their behaviour is excellent.

A strong feature of the school is the friendly nature of the pupils. They take pride in their language and their local heritage and are considerate of others. They converse well naturally and show an interest in the world around them.

Many pupils make good progress from their starting points. They develop their literacy, numeracy and digital skills purposefully by the end of their time at the school. Teachers plan interesting activities to engage pupils' interest. However, they do not always ensure regular opportunities to develop and extend pupils' extended writing skills and numeracy skills constructively enough over time. Staff have an excellent working relationship with pupils. They ensure that activities have a suitable pace and provide stimulating learning experiences. However, opportunities for pupils to respond to feedback to improve their work and take more responsibility for their learning are limited.

The school's leaders play a proactive part in the school's improvement processes. They have a good understanding of the school's strengths and priorities for improvement. In a short period of time, the acting headteacher has established robust procedures to address the school's priorities and has ensured that leadership is distributed. However, these priorities are not always clear and timely enough. The acting headteacher has a clear vision for the school and she shares her vision effectively with everyone in the school community.

Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that the school's priorities are clear and specific to address the areas for improvement in a timely manner
- R2 Provide more opportunities for pupils to develop their extended writing skills and numeracy skills constructively
- R3 Provide opportunities for pupils to respond to feedback to improve their work and take more responsibility for their learning

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Cefneithin.
Local authority	Carmarthenshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	95
Pupils of statutory school age	74
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	7
Percentage of statutory school age pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average <i>(The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in the primary sector is 23.0%)</i>	10.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) <i>(The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 16.1%)</i>	14.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	58.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2021
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	
Start date of inspection	03/07/2023
There has been an acting headteacher since September 2021.	

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