



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon

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

Overview

Ysgol Bro Teyrnnon is a happy, inclusive and caring community that places a strong emphasis on celebrating Welshness and respecting others. Most pupils are very well behaved and treat others with courtesy and tender care. The Welsh language is at the heart of all of the school's work and nearly all pupils are proud of their ability to use the language both inside and outside the classroom. One of the school's excellent features is the way in which pupils make a valuable contribution to its caring ethos, for example as the oldest pupils support their youngest peers in a highly caring manner.

During their time at the school, most pupils make strong progress in their skills from their starting points. The youngest pupils develop their skills very soon after starting school, particularly in their spoken Welsh skills. By the end of their time at the school, most pupils are confident readers and discuss the content of their books maturely and intelligently. Across the school, most develop sound writing, mathematics and digital skills and apply them appropriately in a variety of different contexts.

The school curriculum provides a good range of beneficial activities and learning and play experiences for pupils. Overall, teachers across the school use a suitable range of teaching methods to challenge and support learning. However, staff have a tendency to over-direct learning, which limits pupils' ability to apply their skills independently and achieve to the best of their ability.

Since the school was established over a decade ago, the headteacher has succeeded in establishing a purposeful learning environment that celebrates Welshness and maintains high standards in terms of the Welsh language and pupils' well-being. Leaders share the school's vision successfully with all stakeholders. Leaders have a good understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement, including the need to ensure consistency in teaching and refine it across the school. Members of the governing body provide good support for leaders. They take advantage of the expertise of members effectively to support the school's work and provide support for leaders, as necessary.

Recommendations

R1 Disseminate good teaching practices across the school

R2 Provide regular opportunities for pupils to take responsibility for their learning and develop as independent learners

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to developing pupils' spoken Welsh skills, to be disseminated on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon
Local authority	Newport County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	210
Pupils of statutory school age	160
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	20
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>	12.7%
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>	11.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	7.0%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	04/12/2012
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	21/09/2015
Start date of inspection	02/10/2023

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