



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Croes Atti

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

# Overview

Most pupils make sound progress in a range of skills during their time at Ysgol Croes Atti. A prominent strength of this school is the way in which enthusiastic leaders and staff work together successfully between the school's two sites, in Flint and Shotton in Deeside, to develop confident Welsh-medium pupils. The work of the staff to ensure pupils' Welsh language development is commendable.

Leaders know the school well. This includes identifying the needs of pupils, the community and strengths and areas for improvement well. With this information to hand, they set a clear direction for the school and operate strategically by setting sensible priorities and strengthening provision. As a result, there is robust provision in place to support pupils' well-being and improve standards. Provision to ensure care, support and guidance for pupils is very robust and succeeds in maintaining and strengthening the well-being of all of the school's pupils.

The good teaching and planning by teachers to provide an engaging curriculum and learning experiences ensures that pupils have positive attitudes to learning. Through this, pupils feel that they belong to the school and are keen to complete their work and persevere with it diligently.

The school's work and focus to develop pupils as independent learners usually have clear successes. They are given opportunities to influence the life and work of the school greatly, contribute to what they would like to learn and are usually given opportunities to guide their learning in lessons sensibly. However, a few aspects of teaching and planning prevent pupils from developing independent learning skills of the highest standard. The result of this can be seen in fewer opportunities for them to write at length and freely, for example.

# Recommendations

- R1 Sharpen teaching and planning to build on best practice in terms of developing pupils' independent learning skills
- R2 Increase opportunities for pupils to master their extended writing skills

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Croes Atti
Local authority	Flintshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	269
Pupils of statutory school age	197
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	39
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>	32.7%
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>	19.8%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	12.0
Date of headteacher appointment	January 2015
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	22/09/2015
Start date of inspection	16/10/2023
This school has two sites. One site is located in the town of Flint and the other in the town of Shotton, Deeside.	

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