



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Glan Gele

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

Overview

Ysgol Glan Gele is an inclusive, caring community where everyone's well-being is a priority. This is a strong feature of the school. This supportive and warm atmosphere helps nearly all pupils settle into school life easily and contributes significantly to pupils' engagement in school and their readiness to learn. The positive working relationships between pupils and staff encourage all pupils to show a responsible attitude in lessons and demonstrate excellent behaviour around the school.

During their time at the school, most pupils make good progress in their learning from their individual starting points, including those pupils with additional learning needs (ALN). The school provides a wide range of support for pupils, and skilful teaching assistants provide useful help in dedicated sessions to address emotional and learning needs. The school works closely with a wide range of agencies including health and social care to support pupils and their families. This collaborative approach enables pupils to engage appropriately in their learning.

Leaders and teachers have developed a curriculum that reflects the principles of the Curriculum for Wales. They use immersion days to ignite pupils' interests in their work and allow opportunities for them to contribute their ideas about what they would like to learn. The school provides a broad and balanced range of learning experiences. This includes a wide choice of exciting extra-curricular activities and a variety of educational visits, that enrich the curriculum. Many staff use questioning well to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding. However, teachers do not always provide pupils with activities that meet pupils' learning needs closely enough or challenge them suitably. Opportunities for pupils to engage in effective outdoor learning are underdeveloped.

Leaders and staff share a purposeful vision for the school. They work together well to ensure that the school is successful in its aims. The governing body has a strong understanding of the strengths of the school and works effectively with the headteacher, staff, pupils and parents to support ongoing improvement.

Recommendations

- R1 Further develop learning experiences to meet the needs of all pupils and to provide sufficient challenge in learning across the curriculum
- R2 Improve the provision for outdoor learning

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Glan Gele
Local authority	Conwy County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	277
Pupils of statutory school age	211
Number in nursery classes	66
Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average (The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in Primary is 23.0%)	25.5%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Primary is 16.1%)	26.6%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	5.3%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	09/09/2015
Start date of inspection	09/10/2023

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