



Report summary for parents and carers on Wolfscastle C.P. School

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Overview

Wolfscastle C.P. School is a happy and friendly community. Pupils, staff and parents take pride in its homely and inclusive ethos. Pupils feel safe and happy and develop a strong working relationship with staff. Most pupils have positive attitudes and engage well with their learning and are very keen to do their best. Everyone is respected and they are very caring towards each other.

The effect of the headteacher's firm leadership is visible across the school. In a short period, the headteacher has established sound procedures to address the school's priorities. The dedicated staff work highly effectively to create an inclusive learning environment for pupils. Leaders monitor and evaluate progress skilfully and identify improvement priorities sensibly. The governors are active as critical friends and support all of the school's activities purposefully.

A creative, broad and balanced curriculum is provided for pupils. Teachers plan a range of rich experiences and interesting activities that reflect the nature and local context of the school. They ensure that activities are suitably paced and provide stimulating learning experiences. However, staff tend to over-direct activities and this limits opportunities for pupils to develop as independent learners.

Many pupils make good progress from their starting points. They develop their literacy and numeracy skills appropriately by the end of their time at the school. However, across the school, very few pupils develop appropriate digital skills.

A strong feature is the school's relationship with its local community. Pupils are given regular and valuable opportunities to take part in a wide range of activities and community events, such as services in the local chapel and events for the annual festival which help to build their self-confidence and their physical, expressive and creative ability.

Recommendations

R1 Expand opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills

R2 Develop pupils' digital skills

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Wolfscastle C.P. School
Local authority	Pembrokeshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	52
Pupils of statutory school age	39
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 23.7%)</i>	0.0%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	02/01/2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/11/2015
Start date of inspection	19/02/2024

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