



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Rhos Helyg

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

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# Overview

Ysgol Rhos Helyg is a caring, happy and familial community. All staff work together effectively to provide an inclusive and friendly environment where pupils behave respectfully and politely. Pupils show a positive attitude to learning and make sound progress from their starting points.

By the end of their time at the school, many pupils develop their literacy and digital skills well. However, teachers do not provide purposeful opportunities for older pupils to develop and apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum regularly enough. Most pupils develop their creative skills effectively and their work is displayed attractively and celebrated around the school.

Teachers provide a broad and interesting curriculum for pupils and consider their opinions sensibly about what they would like to learn in relation to their learning themes. However, teachers over-direct learning at times and the level of challenge is not always suitable to meet the needs of all pupils. At times, learning experiences encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning. However, this has not been embedded and developed consistently and opportunities for pupils to be independent learners are limited.

The acting headteacher has a clear vision for the school which has been shared purposefully with staff, parents and pupils. The vision is based on giving all pupils an opportunity to flourish within a caring environment. Staff support them with commitment and passion. In a short period of time, this has enabled the acting headteacher to identify the school's strengths and areas for improvement accurately. Governors are very supportive of the school and show a good awareness of their roles and responsibilities. They support leaders and staff appropriately.

# Recommendations

- R1 Expand opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills
- R2 Ensure that teaching challenges pupils to achieve to the best of their ability
- R3 Ensure purposeful opportunities for older pupils to develop and apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Rhos Helyg
Local authority	Ceredigion County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	54
Pupils of statutory school age	51
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	0
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>	25.8%
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 13.2%)</i>	15.7%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	39.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	November 2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	December 2015
Start date of inspection	05/02/2024

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