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Arolygiaeth Ei Fawrhydi dros Addysg a Hyfforddiant yng Nghymru
His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

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Dear Mr Lloyd

Thank you for welcoming me to Ystrad Mynach Primary School on Friday 10th February 2023. During our visit we discussed the school's work in relation to Curriculum for Wales, additional learning needs (ALN) reform and how the school tracks and monitors the progress of pupils. I did this by:

- Conducting professional dialogue with the leadership team and chair of governors in relation to Curriculum for Wales and ALN reform
- Observing teaching and learning across the school through learning walks including observation of intervention.
- Conducting professional dialogue with the Foundation Stage lead in respect of curriculum reform and professional learning
- Conducting professional dialogue with the ALN coordinators regarding implementation of ALN Reform
- Looking at pupil books and documentation related to learning and the curriculum
- Exploring how the school uses its tracking and monitoring systems
- Talking to pupils about their learning experiences and their opportunities to lead learning

I would like to thank you for the open and beneficial discussions. Through our discussions and the activity that took place, I identified the following strengths:

- The school's development of the curriculum, particularly the opportunity for pupils to influence their own learning.
- The school's development of appropriate early years provision which suitably promotes pupil independence.
- The school's work towards A L N reform, particularly the school's rigour in tracking and monitoring provision.
- The school's holistic approach to assessment for learning which leads to nearly all Year 6 pupils successfully setting their own targets and reflecting on their learning.

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Following my visit, I would be grateful if you could provide a cameo [no more than one page of A4] outlining your work on rigorously tracking and monitoring provision for pupils with ALN and the impact that this has on adapting provision and how it supports pupils with ALN to make progress.

As discussed on the visit, you might like to reflect on:

- The opportunities provided to develop pupils' oracy in Welsh as a second language.

Best wishes and many thanks for your co-operation

Yours sincerely