



**Report summary for parents and  
carers on  
Canolfan Addysg Y Bont**

**Date of inspection: May 2023**

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

# Overview

Canolfan Addysg y Bont is a happy, warm and welcoming community where pupils make significant progress in their personal and social skills over time. Provision for well-being is a very strong feature of the school's work and this has led to good levels of attendance, very positive attitudes to learning and the excellent behaviour of its pupils.

Teachers plan beneficial and purposeful learning experiences and this ensures that most pupils make strong progress over time in their literacy, numeracy, social, creative and physical skills. One of the school's main strengths is the consistency in the way in which teachers develop pupils' communication skills. Leaders have invested a great deal of resources and time in ensuring that staff are competent and able to ensure clear and effective communication with pupils. As a result, most pupils foster successful communication skills in line with their abilities or difficulties. This is a strong feature.

Staff place a significant emphasis on developing independent living skills. Regular visits are arranged to the local shops, where pupils enjoy buying food and products for their cooking lessons and other lessons. Many pupils enjoy and benefit greatly from activities in the school café, 'Caffi'r Ddraig'.

The headteacher, governors and staff uphold a strong culture of continuous professional development in order to ensure that staff have the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the specialist needs of all pupils. The strong focus on staff's professional development has led to a great deal of consistency in strong teaching practices, strategies to promote good behaviour and positive working relationships.

# Recommendations

- R1 Strengthen self-evaluation procedures by measuring the impact of actions on pupils' standards and the quality of teaching**
- R2 Expand learning experiences further by making appropriate use of external and specialist resources**

## What happens next

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

**Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to the impact of professional development on the quality of provision.**

## School context

Name of provider	Canolfan Addysg Y Bont
Local authority	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Special
Number of pupils on roll	125
Pupils of statutory school age	96
Percentage of statutory school age 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 the maintained special sector is 46.2%)	45.5%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the maintained special sector is 99.8%)	100.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	September 2011
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	07/10/2014
Start date of inspection	09/05/2023

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