



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

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

Overview

Pupils make good progress from their starting points and develop worthwhile skills during their time at the school. Teachers and staff encourage pupils to think for themselves, and from an early age provide them with the time and opportunities to improve their own work. As a result, pupils have positive attitudes towards learning and take pride in their work and achievements.

Staff provide effective care, support and guidance for pupils, which focus well on improving pupils' well-being and on ensuring that they receive the support and help that they need. However, pupils generally lack opportunities to take on leadership responsibilities that have an influence on the life of the school.

Good teaching and interesting learning activities engage pupils in their learning. Lessons build strongly on pupils' prior knowledge, and timely feedback from teachers and support staff ensures that pupils continue to improve and consolidate their skills.

Leaders know the school well. They set appropriate priorities for improving the provision and pupils' learning and well-being, although processes to measure progress against these need refining. The headteacher provides strong leadership, encourages a team ethos, and places a high value on providing worthwhile professional learning for staff. As a result, there is a positive culture of collaboration and support amongst staff. Leaders, including the governors, set high expectations for staff, pupils and themselves.



Recommendations

- R1 Increase opportunities for pupils to take on leadership responsibilities that have an influence on the life of the school
- R2 Strengthen processes to evaluate the impact of the school's priorities, to ensure that they have the desired impact on improving provision and standards
- R3 Address the health and safety issues raised during the inspection

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Sychdyn C.P. School
Local authority	Flintshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	166
Pupils of statutory school age	127
Number in nursery classes	22
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%)	6.3%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	03/09/2012
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	27/11/2012
Start date of inspection	28/11/2022

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