



**Report summary for parents and
carers on
Ysgol Eglwysbach**

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

Overview

Ysgol Eglwysbach is a safe, happy and caring community and pupils make sound progress in their skills. Teachers and assistants provide an inclusive, supportive environment that reflects the school motto, 'Wrth gredu yn ein gilydd mae'r hud yn cychwyn' ('By believing in each other the magic begins'). Pupils are enthusiastic towards their learning and this is reflected in the way in which they work happily with each other. They listen attentively and enjoy learning new things. They persevere successfully to succeed with their tasks. Many older pupils work together enthusiastically and make decisions about their learning.

Most pupils make good progress. Those who are latecomers to the Welsh language make sound progress with the language and gain confidence quickly. Across the school, in most lessons, pupils are dedicated and build on their previous learning successfully. Pupils in the foundation phase classes enjoy a rich range of learning experiences both indoors and outdoors.

The school has responded proactively and creatively to the requirements of the Curriculum for Wales. The 'pnawniau prysur' ('busy afternoons') initiative provides rich opportunities for the school's older pupils to develop and apply their skills independently. Pupils are very enthusiastic and persevere exceptionally well during these activities. The school's curriculum is based firmly in its local area in the Conwy valley. Pupils learn about the myths, history and culture of the area and this enriches their learning successfully.

The headteacher and governors have a clear vision that is based on supporting continuous improvement within a homely and caring ethos. The headteacher has high expectations and sets strategic objectives that focus clearly on raising standards and supporting pupils' well-being. Teachers and assistants are a dedicated team and work together effectively in fulfilling their duties.



Recommendations

R1 Strengthen pupils' reading skills

R2 Expand the opportunities to develop pupils' physical education experiences

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 'prynhawniau prysur' ('busy afternoons') and pupil groups that focus on the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales, to be disseminated on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Eglwysbach
Local authority	Conwy County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Voluntary Controlled Church in Wales school
Number of pupils on roll	67
Pupils of statutory school age	51
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	10
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 23.0%)</i>	8.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	62.7%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	September 2015
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	20/01/2014

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