



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Esceifiog

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

# Overview

Ysgol Gynradd Esceifiog is a happy and friendly learning community that encourages pupils to take pride in their school and the community. The leaders' robust vision permeates all of the school's activity, with a clear emphasis on 'growing, learning and succeeding together'. This close-knit and supportive ethos ensures that pupils' well-being is given a prominent priority in this inclusive school.

Teachers and assistants work together productively to provide a good range of interesting experiences for pupils. The learning areas, including the outdoor areas, are stimulating and interesting and all parts of the building are used highly creatively. These areas support pupils' well-being beneficially and ensure that they are ready to learn. Pupils show positive attitudes to learning and develop as independent learners. They are polite and very caring towards each other. As a result, pupils' behaviour is excellent.

Overall, teachers' teaching methods are sound. They question pupils skilfully and include them regularly as an integral part of their learning to support them to improve their work. As a result, many pupils develop knowledge, understanding and skills that are appropriate for the next steps in their learning. However, where provision is not as sound, teachers do not provide learning activities that are challenging enough and do not ensure that pupils' skills build systematically enough over time.

The headteacher has a sound knowledge of the school and encourages staff to work closely with local schools and to be reflective in their actions to improve provision. However, improvement systems do not focus in enough detail on evaluating provision to improve pupils' standards and progress specifically.

# Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that teaching challenges pupils to achieve to the best of their ability
- R2 Improve provision to ensure that pupils develop their skills constructively
- R3 Ensure that improvement systems focus in more detail on evaluating and improving pupils' standards and progress

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Esceifiog
Local authority	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	156
Pupils of statutory school age	122
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	20
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>	13.0%
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 16.1%)</i>	34.4%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	65.6%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/06/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/06/2014
Start date of inspection	23/01/2023

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