



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Pentrecelyn

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

Overview

Ysgol Pentrecelyn is a homely, happy school where pupils and adults work together effectively. Pupils' behaviour is excellent. They are courteous and kind towards each other and towards visitors and staff. Many pupils benefit from daily engagement with pupils from the other classes, for example when eating their lunch together and during activities in the forest. The school has a beneficial range of partnerships both locally and further afield and this enriches pupils' learning experiences successfully. Nearly all pupils make sound progress over time.

The school is developing an engaging curriculum that focuses on its locality, while also looking at the area's relationship with Wales and the wider world. From the outset, pupils benefit from engaging and challenging learning activities that allow them to gain independence and learn to discuss and work with their peers. Teachers plan opportunities for pupils to develop their numeracy, literacy and digital skills through interesting themes that often focus on the local agricultural community. Pupils engage enthusiastically in various activities and challenges.

Pupils have sound oral and reading skills and they talk naturally with their friends, using rich vocabulary. Most pupils demonstrate effective numeracy skills. Most are able to use digital equipment maturely for different purposes. However, opportunities for pupils to develop their extended writing skills have not been developed fully and the level of challenge is not always consistent in a few activities.

The headteacher and dedicated team of teachers and support staff work together effectively to support and develop provision. They provide different interventions to support pupils' well-being and confidence. They know the pupils very well and plan for them in detail. The governing body operates successfully as a critical friend to the school and works closely with the headteacher and the team.

Recommendations

R1 Expand opportunities for older pupils to write at length in different contexts

R2 Ensure that learning opportunities challenge pupils to develop their skills to a high standard

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Pentrecelyn
Local authority	Denbighshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	31
Pupils of statutory school age	26
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 primary sector is 23.0%)	0.0%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	73.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	03/11/2014
Start date of inspection	28/02/2023

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