



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Y Tymbl

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

Overview

Ysgol Gynradd y Tymbl is a happy, caring and homely community. All staff work together effectively to provide an inclusive and friendly ethos where pupils are polite and behave respectfully. They treat their peers, staff and visitors with care. Most pupils show a positive attitude to learning and make extremely sound progress from their starting points. On the whole, a minority of pupils do not have the confidence to speak Welsh fluently enough with each other or adults. Many pupils develop their numeracy and digital skills well by the end of their time at the school. However, the reading culture does not encourage a majority of pupils to enjoy and make progress in their reading skills. Most pupils develop their creative skills highly effectively and their work is displayed and celebrated attractively around the school.

Staff have developed a broad and interesting curriculum that develops pupils' knowledge of the areas of learning and experience effectively. By doing so, pupils are confident in their knowledge of local history and traditions. Teachers' high expectations support pupils to complete work of a high standard and present their work in a polished and neat way. Staff identify the needs of all pupils exceptionally well and tailor learning support sensitively, where applicable.

Ysgol Gynradd y Tymbl is federated with Ysgol Llechyfedach. The headteacher, who works across both sites, has developed a team of staff who are passionate and conscientious. They work together successfully to share best practice across both schools to provide an exciting and interesting education for all pupils. Although both schools work together closely, for example by sharing educational trips and staff expertise, they have succeeded in fostering and maintaining their own unique identity.



Recommendations

R1 Develop pupils' oral Welsh skills across the school

R2 Strengthen provision to support pupils to enjoy and make progress in their reading skills

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 y Tymbl
Local authority	Carmarthenshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	140
Pupils of statutory school age	98
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>	23.8%
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>	28.6%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	12.2%
Date of headteacher appointment	September 2016
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	12/11/2013

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