



Report summary for parents and carers on Ely Presbyterian Church School

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

Overview

Ely Presbyterian Church School is a nurturing Christian environment whose pupils embody the values of kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility highly successfully. It is a strong community, which unites pupils, parents and staff. Pupils learn the importance of charity and make a positive contribution to their local community through practical and fund raising activities.

Nearly all pupils at the school are confident, articulate and comfortable speaking with staff about any worries they may have. Most pupils are intrinsically motivated and considerate of others, and show great pride in belonging to their school. Pupils make at least suitable progress in their skill development and level of understanding as they progress through the school and nearly all pupils' oracy skills are particularly well developed.

All staff know the pupils extremely well. Teachers create an environment where every pupil feels safe and secure, and they establish calm classroom routines where pupils can learn. Where teaching is most effective, teachers promote learning through a range of interesting activities that are well matched to pupils' abilities. However, in a minority of lessons activities do not always support pupils to maximise their progress.

Leaders are compassionate and caring and their management of the school is effective. They are ambitious for all pupils, have high expectations of their staff and promote the school's Christian vision with conviction. There is a strong sense of staff unity and everyone at the school works together in the pupils' best interests. Leaders strive to improve their school. However, their activities do not focus sharply enough on the impact of teaching upon learning.

Ely Presbyterian Church School meets all the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2003, needed to maintain registration.

Recommendations

- R1** Sharpen self-evaluation and improvement processes so that they impact more positively on improving the quality of teaching
- R2** Build on effective practice to ensure that teaching, both its planning and delivery, is consistently well matched to pupils' abilities in all classes

What happens next

Estyn advises the proprietor to amend its current development plan to show what actions the school intends to take in response to the recommendations. It is also advisable to circulate this plan, or a summary of it, to all parents/carers at the school.

Compliance with the regulations for registration

Independent school inspections are governed by the Education Act 2002 and related regulations: the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2003. These regulations require an independent school to meet an appropriate standard in the following areas:

The quality of education provided by the school

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

Welfare, health and safety of pupils

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The suitability of proprietors and staff

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

Premises of and boarding accommodation at schools

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The provision of information

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The manner in which complaints are to be handled

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

School context

Name of provider	Ely Presbyterian Church School
Proprietor	Mrs Julia Haines
Local authority	Cardiff Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Independent coeducational school
Residential provision?	No
Number of pupils on roll	16
Pupils of statutory school age	16
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/02/2016
Start date of inspection	25/09/2023

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