



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Glan Morfa

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

# Overview

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Glan Morfa is a happy and homely community where pupils and staff work together effectively. Most pupils make good progress and apply their skills successfully in different contexts. Pupils who are new to the Welsh language on entry to the school develop their understanding quickly and, over time, become confident and mature speakers. They respond enthusiastically to opportunities to enjoy aspects of contemporary Welsh culture and members of the school's councils support them successfully. Pupils' behaviour is excellent during lessons and informal times. They interact maturely and look after each other in a caring manner.

Teachers and assistants know the pupils exceptionally well and promote their well-being effectively. Pupils who have been identified as having additional learning needs (ALN) are given suitable support, which allows them to make strong progress over time. Staff provide a broad and rich curriculum and pupils contribute their ideas purposefully for learning activities.

Leaders and staff are responding successfully to the requirements of the Curriculum for Wales and focusing on developing relevant principles with pupils. Teachers vary their teaching methods effectively to develop pupils' confidence and independence. In the best practice, teachers challenge and support pupils to make extremely strong progress. However, in a few cases, teachers do not provide activities that challenge pupils to make progress in their skills in independent learning activities.

There is a strong culture of co-operation and sharing expertise within the school. The headteacher has a clear vision for developing the school further, which is supported by members of the governing body, leaders, teachers and assistants. Self-evaluation and improvement planning procedures have been established firmly. Leaders aim for continuous improvement and allocate funding carefully to develop provision and meet pupils' needs.

# Recommendations

- R1 Ensure appropriate challenge to support pupils to make progress in independent learning activities
- R2 Disseminate the strongest teaching practices across the school

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Glan Morfa
Local authority	Conwy County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	255
Pupils of statutory school age	195
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	26
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>	18.6%
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>	9.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	15.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2008
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	03/02/2015
Start date of inspection	02/10/2023

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