



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Panteg

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

# Overview

Ysgol Panteg is a familial, inclusive and homely community where the 'Panteg Four' values to commit to being kind, to being a co-supportive family, to being fired up and ambitious is prominent in the school's activity. Staff promote the importance of good behaviour, courtesy and respect successfully. There is a caring sense and ethos towards all pupils. Staff create an exceptionally warm and safe learning environment where pupils feel that they are valued.

Since being appointed, the headteacher has established rigorous processes across the school to ensure consistency in teaching and learning, which has had a positive effect on pupils' skills. There are detailed systems in place to track the educational progress and well-being of all pupils, and staff provide a wide range of purposeful support to meet pupils' needs.

Across the school, pupils develop their literacy, numeracy and digital skills robustly. They listen attentively to adults and their peers and discuss their work confidently by using Welsh phrases that derive from the school's detailed grammar scheme. However, there are not always given purposeful enough opportunities to expand their skills to the best of their ability.

Staff work together highly effectively to meet pupils' needs. They are good language models and encourage pupils to take pride in their Welshness. However, at times, staff over-direct learning, which hinders pupils' ability to develop as independent learners.

A notable aspect of the school's work is the way in which leaders communicate effectively with parents and carers to ensure the involvement of the whole community in pupils' education. Leaders are also passionate about staff's professional development and ensure purposeful opportunities for them to receive further training.

# Recommendations

- R1 Ensure regular opportunities for pupils to take more responsibility for their learning and develop to become independent learners
- R2 Ensure an appropriate level of challenge to support pupils to expand their skills to the best of their ability

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Panteg
Local authority	Torfaen County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	408
Pupils of statutory school age	310
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	47
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>	27.0%
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>	18.7%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	2.5%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	31/05/2021
Start date of inspection	25/09/2023
This school is a lead school for initial teacher education.	

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