



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Nefyn

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

Overview

Ysgol Nefyn is a happy, caring and homely community. Pupils behave excellently, enjoy learning and feel very proud of their school. Pupils feel safe and happy and develop a strong working relationship with staff. Most pupils have positive attitudes and engage well with their learning. They persevere when tasks challenge them and are very keen to do their best. As a result, most pupils make good progress.

The effect of the headteacher's robust leadership can be seen across the school. The dedicated staff work highly effectively to create a safe haven and an inclusive learning environment for pupils. Leaders monitor and evaluate progress skilfully and identify improvement priorities sensibly. Governors are active as critical friends and support all of the school's activities respectfully.

Across the school, the positive environment encourages effective and purposeful learning communities. A creative, balanced and imaginative curriculum is provided for pupils, which builds effectively on their knowledge, understanding and skills. Provision is exciting and provides an opportunity for pupils to learn about their local area, Wales and further afield. This creates a strong sense of belonging. Although teachers use a suitable range of teaching methods in their classes, feedback is not always incisive enough for pupils to reflect on their work and develop it further.

Pupils are given regular and valuable opportunities to take part in a wide range of community activities and events, such as eisteddfodau, sports competitions and concerts, which are a means of increasing their self-confidence and their physical, expressive and creative ability.

Recommendations

- R1 Expand opportunities for pupils to respond to feedback in a timely manner so that they know what to do to improve and develop their work further

What happens next

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

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on how the school plans creative experiences to deepen pupils' learning about the history and culture of their local community.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Nefyn
Local authority	Cyngor Gwynedd
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	136
Pupils of statutory school age	118
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	18
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 23.7%)</i>	10.7%
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 13.2%)</i>	8.4%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	75.7%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2020
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/01/2016
Start date of inspection	27/11/2023
A welcoming school with a strong sense of belonging. The headteacher leads firmly, governors are well-informed and active. Standards are good, pupils' well-being and attitudes are very good, teaching is good – a few teachers are excellent. The Curriculum for Wales is developing very purposefully – creative experiences are a prominent strength.	

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