



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwyncelyn

**Date of inspection: December 2023**

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

# Overview

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwynceilyn is an inclusive, happy and caring community where nearly all pupils behave excellently. They form strong relationships with staff and with each other and treat all members of the school community with respect and courtesy. Pupils are very proud of their school and say that they feel safe, talk excitedly about their experiences and enjoy their time there. As a result, this leads to strong engagement in school life.

A notable aspect of the school's work is the enthusiastic co-operation between the headteacher, staff and governors to ensure that the Welsh language is at the heart of all of the school's work and community. As a result, nearly all pupils acquire sound Welsh language skills as they move through the school and use Welsh completely naturally around the school and during break times.

The school's mission statement, 'Acen. Atgofion. Cred', permeates its ethos skilfully across all classes. The headteacher and staff encourage pupils to take pride in, and celebrate, their Welshness and they are immersed in a wide range of stimulating and creative learning experiences that broaden pupils' horizons to rich opportunities beyond their square mile. As a result, the skilful combination of these aspects lays a firm foundation for pupils to grow their wings by the end of their time at the school.

During their time at the school, most pupils make sound progress in developing their language, numeracy and digital skills and achieve well. Overall, they apply these skills successfully across a range of interesting contexts. However, opportunities for pupils to make independent choices about how to present their work are inconsistent.

One of the school's strongest qualities is the priority that is given to ensuring that pupils develop a sound understanding of their rights, the importance of equality and being moral citizens. As a result, the school has recently won a national heritage competition for its work to promote pupils' cultural development through a range of valuable experiences.

The headteacher provides strong and passionate leadership and is supported well by the deputy. Leaders evaluate the school's work to plan for improvements thoroughly by using robust self-evaluation processes. The governing body is supportive and knows the school well in terms of its strengths and areas for development.

# Recommendations

- R1 Extend purposeful opportunities for pupils to make decisions about how to present their work with increasing independence

## 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 its work in relation to developing pupils' spoken Welsh skills and promoting pupils' multicultural and moral development across the school, to be disseminated on Estyn's website.



# School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwyncelyn
Local authority	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	335
Pupils of statutory school age	243
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	43
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>	17.8%
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 13.2%)</i>	2.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	64.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	
Start date of inspection	11/12/2023

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