



Report summary for parents and carers on St Andrew's Major C.I.W. Primary School

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

Overview

St. Andrew's Major CIW Primary School is a happy, inclusive school that places a high priority on the well-being of its pupils. They clearly love coming to school where they make good progress with their social and academic skills.

Pupils understand how much staff care for them and there is a feeling of mutual respect between adults and pupils. As a result, pupils' behaviour is excellent. There is thoughtful and effective provision for pupils with additional learning needs. Pupils contribute well to a variety of groups and committees and give examples of where their influence has had a positive impact on school life. However, as they move through the school, teachers over-direct pupils' learning and, as a result, limit their opportunities to develop as independent learners.

The acting headteacher provides strong leadership and is well supported by other senior leaders. All staff work extremely hard to create this ethos which ensures a key role in promoting effective learning at school. Overall pupils make good progress with their skills in English and mathematics. Teachers and support staff provide high quality feedback to pupils and, as a result, pupils make strong progress in their learning, knowing which steps to take to improve their work. However, staff do not provide enough opportunities for pupils to make choices in their learning. Governors know the school very well and fulfil their role as critical friend, asking challenging questions about decision-making, which supports the acting headteacher in moving the school forward.

Leaders keep in close contact with the wider school community and build on the positive relationships with parents. There is a clear sense of everyone working together at the school and leaders make decisions in the best interest of pupils.

Recommendations

- R1 Provide pupils with opportunities to develop their skills as independent learners
- R2 Provide opportunities for pupils to make choices in their learning to develop a more engaging curriculum

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	St Andrew's Major C.I.W. Primary School
Local authority	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Church in Wales
Number of pupils on roll	235
Pupils of statutory school age	177
Number in nursery classes	29
Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average (The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in Primary is 23.7%)	8.9%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Primary is 13.2%)	3.4%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	2.8%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2024
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	28/04/2016
Start date of inspection	05/02/2024

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