



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Bod Alaw

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Overview

The extremely caring, friendly and supportive ethos that is a prominent feature of provision at Ysgol Bod Alaw permeates all aspects of its work. Pupils behave well and treat each other and adults respectfully and politely. The school's culture of safeguarding is strong and pupils feel happy and safe while they work and play. They are extremely proud of their school and speak enthusiastically about their experiences.

As a result of purposeful planning, many pupils make good progress in their language, numeracy and digital skills. They apply their skills confidently across the curriculum. The school's arrangements for developing pupils' physical skills are an obvious strength. Pupils enjoy the wide range of experiences they are given and make strong progress in this aspect.

The school provides a stimulating curriculum that engages pupils' interest successfully and reflects the local context effectively. Staff establish a supportive and fond working relationship with pupils and the learning areas are productive and lively places. On the whole, teachers use a good range of purposeful teaching methods that promote pupils' motivation and progress. However, activities do not always challenge pupils to achieve to the best of their ability, particularly more able pupils.

The headteacher is a passionate leader who aspires for the best possible learning experiences and well-being for all pupils. The headteacher is supported by a hard working and highly conscientious team of staff who place an emphasis on ensuring that pupils enjoy their activities and are eager to learn. Governors provide the school with robust support and have a comprehensive understanding of their duties and responsibilities. They are dedicated and tireless advocates for the school in providing support to staff and leaders and ensuring that the school uses its resources appropriately.

Recommendations

- R1 Ensure an appropriate level of challenge to support pupils to develop their skills to the best of their ability, particularly more able pupils

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Bod Alaw
Local authority	Conwy County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	313
Pupils of statutory school age	225
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	39
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>	11.3%
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>	5.8%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	46.7%
Start date of inspection	05/02/2024

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