



Report summary for parents and carers on Treffos School

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

Overview

Treffos School is a nurturing environment and instils its pupils with a love of learning. Its rural location complements its vision to bond learning with the real-world through a thematic curriculum and extensive opportunities for learning outdoors. It is a strong community which unites pupils, parents and staff.

Nearly all pupils at the school are confident and inquisitive. They feel both happy and safe. Nearly all pupils make strong progress from their starting points, particularly in developing their literacy, numeracy and speaking skills. Pupils know they will be listened to and that they are valued. They are excited to learn and demonstrate a strong sense of independence and responsibility. The 'Treffos Values' are embedded into the pupils' culture and their behaviour is mostly exemplary.

Teachers model a curiosity about the world well and work passionately to create an environment where every pupil can thrive. Teachers promote learning through a wide range of interesting activities and in many different locations both on and off site. All staff know the pupils extremely well and the provision for each individual pupil is regularly reviewed and adjusted accordingly.

Leaders at the school are passionate, capable, and highly accessible. They are ambitious for all pupils and have high expectations of their staff. They took decisive steps when the pandemic arrived ensuring that their pupils continued to receive the same high standard of education and care. Leaders collaborate suitably to operate the school and have taken steps to introduce greater strategic oversight of policy, practice and the curriculum through the appointment of a critical friend.

Treffos School meets all the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2003, needed to maintain registration.



Recommendations

R1 Ensure that school policies are updated regularly to have regard to the latest Welsh Government guidance and that staff practice reflects policy

R2 Strengthen and embed the school's quality assurance processes

R3 Clarify the responsibilities and priorities of leaders across the school

Compliance with the regulations for registration

Independent school inspections are governed by the Education Act 2002 and related regulations: the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2003. These regulations require an independent school to meet an appropriate standard in the following areas:

The quality of education provided by the school

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

Welfare, health and safety of pupils

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The suitability of proprietors and staff

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

Premises of and boarding accommodation at schools

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The provision of information

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

The manner in which complaints are to be handled

The school meets the regulatory requirements for this standard.

What happens next

Estyn advises the proprietor to amend its current development plan to show what actions the school intends to take in response to the recommendations. It is also advisable to circulate this plan, or a summary of it, to all parents/carers at the school.

Estyn will invite Treffos School to prepare a case study on its work in relation to learning in an outdoor setting for dissemination on Estyn's website.

School context

Name of provider	Treffos School
Proprietor	Dr S Humphreys Mrs J Humphreys
Local authority	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Independent primary school
Residential provision?	No
Number of pupils on roll	74
Pupils of statutory school age	68
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	12/08/2014
Start date of inspection	03/10/2022

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