



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gymunedol Tal-y-Bont

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Overview

Ysgol Tal-y-Bont is a caring, happy and familial community. All staff work together effectively to provide an inclusive and friendly ethos where pupils behave respectfully and politely. Pupils show positive attitudes to learning and make sound progress from their starting points.

By the end of their time at the school, many pupils develop their literacy and digital skills well. However, teachers do not provide purposeful opportunities for pupils to develop and apply their numeracy skills effectively enough across the curriculum consistently enough. Most pupils develop their creative skills effectively and their work is displayed and celebrated attractively around the school.

Teachers plan a curriculum that provides a range of purposeful experiences for pupils across all areas of learning and experience. The pupil's voice is an important part of the process for planning activities and, as a result, most pupils apply themselves enthusiastically to their learning. There is a positive atmosphere in the classrooms and they are hard-working learning communities. Overall, teachers use a suitable range of effective teaching techniques. However, opportunities for pupils to make independent choices about how to present their work are inconsistent.

The headteacher provides strong and passionate leadership and is supported well by the assistant headteacher. 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 Ensure purposeful opportunities for pupils to develop and apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum
- R2 Extend purposeful opportunities for pupils to make decisions about how to present their work increasingly independently

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gymunedol Tal-y-Bont
Local authority	Ceredigion County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	80
Pupils of statutory school age	68
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>	7.7%
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>	22.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	42.6%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	1
Date of headteacher appointment	20/04/2001
Start date of inspection	24/06/2024

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