



## Report summary for parents and carers on Burlais Primary School

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

# Summary

Burlais Primary School is a happy, safe and successful school where all pupils are valued and respected, and their achievements celebrated. The headteacher provides thoughtful and dedicated leadership and the committed team of staff and governors support him well.

Throughout the school, strong and purposeful working relationships between staff and pupils enable pupils to learn in a caring and positive environment. Teachers and classroom assistants know pupils well and plan an engaging range of activities that support their well-being and learning needs successfully. As a result, most pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN) and those who attend the two specialist teaching facilities (STFs), make strong progress from their individual starting points. The school has developed its curriculum to include a wide and varied range of beneficial learning experiences. However, teachers do not always provide opportunities for pupils to make choices in their learning or to develop effectively as independent learners.

Leaders have a sound knowledge of what the school does well and what needs to improve. Recent work to develop pupils' reading skills has been particularly successful and a sharp focus on well-being has led to valuable improvements in pupils' behaviour and attendance. However, the school's work to improve pupils' Welsh language skills is underdeveloped.

The school's approach to caring for pupils and their families is a strength. Staff, including those in the STFs, work closely with parents and outside agencies to provide invaluable advice, signposting and access to resources.

# Recommendations and next steps

We have made two recommendations to help the school continue to improve:

R1 Develop all pupils as effective independent learners

R2 Improve pupils' Welsh language skills

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

If you would like to read more about Estyn's evaluation of the school, please follow this link to the [full report](#).



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