



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

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

# Summary

Cwmcarn Primary School is a happy, inclusive learning community where pupils feel safe and secure. The headteacher, governors and staff are very proud of the school and share a vision that focuses on the well-being and progress of all pupils, including those in the Special Resource Bases (SRBs).

Working relationships between staff and pupils are strong and these contribute positively to the way pupils behave in and around the school. Pupils are polite and courteous to each other and other adults. They are confident when discussing their work and keen to explain what they are doing and what they have learnt to their peers and staff. Pupils and staff treat each other with respect and fairness. They discuss equality, diversity, identity and LGBTQ+ matters confidently, sensitively and with mature understanding.

The provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) particularly those in the SRB classes is highly successful. The school's ALN co-ordinator has worked with staff to develop robust procedures to support pupils with ALN. As a result, most pupils including those at risk of underachievement because of the impact of socio-economic disadvantage, make good progress.

Leaders place a high priority on pupil attendance and work with families effectively to ensure that their children attend school regularly. This has had a positive impact on attendance figures.

Overall, the school's curriculum is broad and balanced. However, the provision for Welsh is underdeveloped and staff do not provide enough opportunities for outdoor learning.

Governors are supportive and well informed. They have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and are beginning to identify areas for development and challenge leaders appropriately.

# Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Strengthen the provision for pupils to develop their Welsh language skills

R2 Develop the use of the outdoors as a learning environment

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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