



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Pennant

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

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# Summary

The learning environment at Ysgol Pennant is welcoming and friendly. Pupils very much enjoy coming to school and are very proud to be part of its community. They feel safe at school and know whom to approach if they feel worried. The caring nature of the staff and the respect with which pupils treat each other, staff and visitors are a strong feature of the school.

The headteacher has a clear and firm vision for the school, which is based on developing well-being and opportunities for pupils to flourish. She is an effective leader who is well-respected by all stakeholders. Governors are very supportive of the school and show a good awareness of their roles and responsibilities.

Under the headteacher's knowledgeable leadership, staff provide a curriculum that enables pupils to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to support their work. The Welsh language is at the heart of the school and pupils' pride in the Welsh language is obvious. They use the language completely naturally during the day. Pupils' use of digital skills from an early age is also a strength. Through extensive experiences, pupils have a sound understanding of the history and culture of their local area, the wider community and Wales. However, teachers do not provide opportunities for pupils to learn about various religions often enough.

All members of staff have an appropriate understanding of pupils' needs and plan purposefully for them. As a result, pupils make sound progress and show enjoyment in their learning. They work well together and are very supportive of each other both inside and outside the classroom. However, there are not enough opportunities for pupils to build on their independent learning skills.

# Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Develop pupils' independent skills

R2 Develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of different religions

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

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