



# Report summary for parents and carers on Maes yr Haul Primary School

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

# Summary

Maes yr Haul Primary School is a caring school. Leaders have created a positive ethos that promotes well-being, and mutual respect. Staff are supported well to develop their leadership skills, and to meet the needs of nearly all pupils, including those with Additional Learning Needs (ALN). The relationships between all members of the school reflect the positive ethos. Nearly all pupils enjoy school. They behave exceptionally well and show respect for each other, staff, and visitors. From strong starting points when they join the school, nearly all pupils make appropriate progress with literacy, numeracy and digital skills.

Self-evaluation activities allow leaders to identify strengths and areas for improvement appropriately. Senior teachers make research informed decisions to implement and bring about change effectively. One example of effective practice is how leaders have successfully implemented ALN Reform. However, senior leaders do not monitor the quality of teaching, across the school, well enough and in a minority of lessons, activities do not always challenge pupils to make as much progress as they could.

The school has made suitable progress in developing a broad and inclusive curriculum which provides many opportunities for pupils to engage in a range of stimulating learning experiences. However, provision to develop pupils' wider understanding of the diverse culture of modern Wales is underdeveloped and opportunities for pupils to learn about a broad range of differing identities and experiences is limited.

Nearly all pupils have positive attitudes and enjoy learning. Teachers have recently introduced regular, focused sessions to develop pupils' Welsh language skills more systematically. However, this has yet to impact significantly on pupils' ability to use a suitable variety of spoken Welsh with increasing confidence as they move through the school.

Parents appreciate that their views and opinions are considered and value the opportunities that they receive to visit school.

# Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Ensure learning experiences challenge all pupils sufficiently
- R2 Review the school's curriculum to ensure it reflects the purposes of Curriculum for Wales
- R3 Improve pupils' Welsh oracy 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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