



Report summary for parents and carers on Hendredenny Park Primary School

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

Summary

Leaders and staff at Hendredenny Park Primary School have high expectations for pupils' well-being and learning. Pupils show high levels of engagement and make good progress from their different starting points. Pupils feel safe and happy in the school's inclusive environment, their behaviour is exemplary, and they attend school regularly.

The school has developed a curriculum that provides pupils with a range of authentic learning experiences. They benefit from a wide range of visits that deepen their knowledge and understanding, for example, of the culture and history of Wales. Teachers plan effectively to develop pupils' literacy, mathematical and digital skills. However, in a minority of lessons there is a tendency for teachers to over-direct learning, and this limits opportunities for older pupils to develop their independent thinking skills.

The school promotes a strong culture of reading and pupils develop their reading skills rapidly from an early age. The provision for pupils' digital and Welsh skills is strong and pupils across the school use these skills confidently in their learning. Pupils develop as skilful mathematicians and apply their numeracy skills purposefully, for example when calculating the profit from selling honey from the school's bees.

The school's governors provide valuable support and have a good knowledge of the school's work in implementing national priorities. They monitor the school's budget closely and evaluate the impact of grant funding effectively. Leaders communicate effectively with parents and carers and enable them to support their child's learning at home.

Recommendations and next steps

We have made one recommendation to help the school continue to improve:

R1 Ensure that older pupils develop their independent, thinking and problem-solving 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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