



**Report summary for parents and carers** on Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant

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by Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales This report is also available in Welsh.

## Summary

Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant is a happy, caring and familial community. The acting headteacher has high expectations of herself, staff and pupils. This encourages pupils to develop extremely positive attitudes to learning. This is a notable quality of the school.

The passion of all of the staff for developing pupils' positive attitudes to learning ensures an inclusive environment at the school. Provision for meeting pupils' well being needs is a strength. This means that most develop to become ambitious and skilful learners. The whole school takes pride in the Welsh language and pupils develop their skills with increasing confidence when communicating in different situations.

Most pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN) and those who may be affected by poverty, make sound progress. They apply their oral, numeracy and digital skills effectively in a rich variety of stimulating experiences. However, teachers do not always plan enough regular opportunities for pupils to develop and apply their literacy skills across the areas of learning. Provision to support pupils to develop their independent learning skills is extremely effective.

Staff have high expectations of pupils and provide learning activities that are planned skilfully for them. They build methodically on pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure progression in pupils' learning as they move through the school. Pupils feel that adults at the school listen well to their ideas and consider them in decisions that affect them, for example when planning activities related to their learning themes.

## **Recommendations and next steps**

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

R1 Extend opportunities for pupils to apply their literacy skills across the areas of learning

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 <u>full report</u>.



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