

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Aberteifi

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Summary

The school is a welcoming community that is an important part of its community. Pupils feel happy and safe there, knowing that there are always adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. All staff have high expectations in terms of behaviour. As a result, most pupils behave well at school.

The headteacher and other leaders lead the school effectively. On the whole, leaders identify appropriately which aspects of the school's work need to be improved and the steps that are needed to achieve this. They respond well to the views of staff, parents and pupils and this contributes successfully to the inclusive atmosphere that exists between the school and the wider community.

All staff work together successfully to provide the pupils with an interesting curriculum which includes learning about their community and its local history and culture. Most pupils develop knowledge, understanding and skills that are appropriate to their ages and starting points successfully. For example, they develop their reading skilfully, and research for information effectively. However, there are not enough opportunities for pupils to write at length and independently in their work across the curriculum.

Teachers work diligently to ensure that most activities engage pupils' interest, offering them useful feedback and support, where relevant. However, the learning activities do not always offer opportunities for pupils to make independent decisions about their learning.

Staff have a positive relationship with parents. Leaders have built a successful working relationship between the home and the school. Governors are aware of when to support the school and when to challenge it, and they have a sound understanding of the effect of the school's day-to-day work on pupils' well-being and learning.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Extend the opportunities for pupils to develop their writing skills in their work across the curriculum

R2 Provide opportunities for pupils to make independent choices about their learning

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

Full Report

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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