

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Bodedern

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Summary

Ysgol Gynradd Bodedern is a happy and homely community. The headteacher has high expectations of herself, staff and pupils. This encourages pupils to develop beneficial attitudes to their learning and positive behaviour.

A notable feature of the school's provision is the close relationship between pupils and staff. Teachers consider pupils' ideas and questions regularly when planning activities that engage their interest in the termly themes well. An obvious strength is the way in which the curriculum has been planned meaningfully to focus on the pupils' 'cynffin' or local area. As a result of these purposeful plans, pupils foster pride in the local area, by celebrating the heritage of Bodedern and Anglesey extremely effectively.

Across the school, teachers work diligently to ensure that learning activities engage pupils' interest and develop a range of most pupils' skills successfully. At times, staff tend to over-direct learning, which slows pupils' ability to develop as independent learners. Teachers use timely questioning methods and encouragement to support pupils' progress and ensure their understanding. They share feedback in a timely manner, which enables pupils to identify what they have done well. On the whole, feedback does not identify the next steps in pupils' learning effectively enough.

The headteacher and staff are supported enthusiastically by governors who are fully committed to the school's success. Members of the governing body work closely with staff to evaluate the effectiveness of provision and standards of learning. Following monitoring activities, they share information about their findings appropriately and respond promptly to what needs to be improved.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Expand and refine opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills

R2 Ensure that the quality of teachers' feedback identifies the next steps in pupils' learning effectively

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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