

# **Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Gwaun y Nant**

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This report is also available in Welsh.

# Summary

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Ysgol Gwaun y Nant is an inclusive community that places consistent emphasis on the wellbeing and development of pupils, staff and the wider community. The headteacher has a purposeful vision to ensure that pupils have engaging learning experiences in a caring learning environment. This sensible vision, which supports school improvement practices, contributes to good behaviour and a willingness to learn among pupils.

Teachers and assistants cooperate effectively to ensure broad and balanced provision. They are a team of hardworking staff that focus on promoting pupils' wellbeing successfully. They cooperate with parents and external agencies enthusiastically and know the needs of the pupils and their community well. In addition, the local authority's Autism and Anxiety Unit, which is based on the school's site, provides effective care for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN).

Overall, the pace of teaching sessions is appropriate for pupils' learning and teachers' feedback to pupils to improve their learning is suitable. However, there is no consistency in teachers' practices in challenging pupils' learning. At times, staff tend to over-lead which limits pupils' ability to learn independently and make direct choices about their learning.

Teachers provide engaging and regular opportunities for pupils to develop their skills purposefully across the areas of learning. This leads to strong progress in pupils' literacy, numeracy and digital skills. Staff are effective language models and encourage pupils' Welsh oral skills successfully. Pupils' reading and writing skills develop well, and by the end of their time at school, they are confident speakers in both languages.

Staff and pupils build close and loyal working relationships. They encourage pupils to cooperate and share ideas and feelings intelligently, which develops their respect for others successfully. Staff ensure that pupils develop effective personal, social and creative skills, which create a good awareness of their local area and a strong cultural appreciation.

## Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Ensure consistency in effective teaching practices and provide useful feedback to challenge all pupils' learning
- R2 Provide purposeful opportunities for pupils to make independent choices about how to achieve and present 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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