

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Pencae

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Summary

Ysgol Pencae provides a caring and inclusive environment for pupils to thrive in a familial community. Almost all pupils feel safe and happy at the school. All staff have high expectations of behaviour, and as a result, almost all behave excellently and demonstrate positive and mature attitudes to peers that are very empathetic.

The headteacher, with the support of the deputy headteacher, leads the school effectively. Staff work together successfully to provide pupils with an interesting curriculum. As a result, most make sound progress in developing their literacy, numeracy and digital skills, as well as other skills.

Most pupils like to learn and persevere well with their tasks. They try to find solutions themselves before turning to adults for help. However, in general, the youngest pupils' staff tend to over-lead the learning, at times. The older pupils' staff develop successful independent learners who find a solution themselves before turning to adults for support.

Staff teach pupils successfully about the differences that exist between people. This means that almost every pupil comes to understand that there are people in the world who are different from them. Staff provide many opportunities for pupils to make decisions about their learning and about other aspects of school life.

Leaders know the school well and know what works well and what needs to be improved. They put very successful arrangements in place to improve those things. Governors support and challenge leaders appropriately. They visit the school regularly to observe in sessions, and talk to pupils and staff. They also work closely with the headteacher, which also helps them to understand what is happening at the school.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Provide purposeful opportunities for the youngest pupils to develop their independent learning skills, including in the outdoor area

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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