

Report summary for parents and carers on Durand Primary School

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Summary

Durand Primary is a welcoming and nurturing school where most pupils feel safe and supported. There are strong relationships between pupils, staff, parents, and the community, which helps create a positive atmosphere. There are beneficial arrangements to support pupils' well-being. Pupils have frequent opportunities to share their views and influence school life. Most pupils behave well and engage fully with school life and learning. Most pupils, including those with additional needs (ALN) or those who are affected by poverty, make good progress and develop effective literacy, numeracy, digital and Welsh language communication skills over time.

The curriculum is broad and balanced and offers pupils meaningful and engaging learning experiences. Learning is based on questions that encourage pupils to explore and think deeply. Pupils learn about their local area, Wales, and the wider world, which helps them to develop a sense of belonging, understand diversity and develop respect for others.

The headteacher has a clear vision and high expectations for teaching and learning. Under her leadership, staff work together to improve teaching. Most teaching is effective. Teachers use assessment information well to plan lessons that challenge and support pupils. They provide regular and effective feedback that supports pupils to move forward in their learning. In classes for younger learners, adults tend to provide too much direction for pupils. This limits pupils' independence and opportunities for them to think creatively.

Leaders know the strengths and areas for development of the school well and prioritise the most appropriate areas for improvement, such as improving the quality of teaching and learning. Governors support and challenge the school effectively.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1. Improve opportunities for younger pupils to develop as independent and creative thinkers and learners

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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