

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol
Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn
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This report is also available in Welsh.

Summary

Ysgol Llanfihangel y Creuddyn is a caring and inclusive school where all pupils feel happy and safe. Under the headteacher's robust leadership, there is a clear ethos of cooperation and a culture in which 'happy children are happy learners'. The relationship between staff and pupils is strong and based on respect and care, which contributes well to their wellbeing and positive attitudes towards learning. The personal care and support for all pupils is effective.

Teachers provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is rooted in the local community. The learning experiences help pupils to develop a strong sense of Welsh identity and an awareness of the wider world. They learn to appreciate differences, show kindness and consider the views of others.

Teachers use a range of methods to engage and maintain pupils' interest and to encourage them to think more independently. This is beginning to develop, although the provision does not provide enough opportunities to foster pupils' independent learning skills consistently enough. Teachers use effective questioning methods to deepen pupils' understanding and knowledge and they provide clear and timely feedback that helps them to understand how to improve their work. As a result, almost all pupils make sound progress from their starting points.

Staff place particular emphasis on the Welsh language, and pupils develop reading skills successfully and speak with their peers confidently in Welsh. They use their literacy and numeracy skills skilfully across the areas of learning, and show creativity in writing and in solving mathematical problems. Digital, arts and performance opportunities support the successful development of their wider skills.

Leaders foster a strong relationship with parents and the local community, ensuring that parents are involved in the school's life and are aware of their children's progress. Governors are committed and understand the school's strengths and areas for development well. Jointly with the headteacher and staff, they focus on improving the learning experiences and environment for all pupils effectively.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1. Strengthen opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills

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 <u>full</u> <u>report</u>

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