

Report summary for parents and carers on Heol Goffa School

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Summary

Ysgol Heol Goffa is a welcoming school where pupils feel safe, valued and supported. The headteacher and senior leaders provide calm and steady leadership, creating a positive and stable environment for pupils and staff. The school's vision, "Mae pawb yn gallu – everybody can," is clear in daily life.

Relationships between staff and pupils are very strong. Staff understand pupils' needs well and help them grow in confidence, manage their emotions and enjoy learning. Pupils have a real voice in school life. They help make decisions through school committees and take part in community and national events, which builds their confidence and leadership skills.

Teaching is calm, purposeful and well organised. Staff use clear routines, visual cues and total communication so all pupils can take part fully. Lessons include sensory learning, outdoor activities, creative tasks and group work, helping pupils stay engaged and make steady progress. Teaching assistants play an important part in supporting pupils' learning. Staff check pupils' understanding often and give helpful feedback.

Pupils enjoy a wide range of experiences outside the classroom, such as outdoor learning, enterprise projects, residential trips and sports activities. These are particular strengths of the school. They help pupils learn independence, resilience and real-life skills. Many pupils take on physical challenges like Duke of Edinburgh award or skiing.

The school works closely with families and the community. Projects with older people, music sessions and storytelling visits help pupils build empathy, communication and a sense of belonging.

The lack of a dedicated school nurse affects the level of ongoing medical support available for pupils with complex health needs. In similar schools, a nurse helps coordinate care and support families. Having this role would offer parents more reassurance and help pupils receive consistent, well-coordinated medical support during the school day.

Despite some challenges, Ysgol Heol Goffa continues to provide a caring, ambitious environment where pupils thrive and make strong progress.

Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Address the concerns identified in the safeguarding letter
- R2 Strengthen quality assurance systems and provide clearer accountability across leadership roles

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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