

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Brynaerau

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Summary

The Talaerau federation, which includes Ysgol Talysarn and Ysgol Brynaerau, is a warm and caring community in which pupils' wellbeing and progress is at the core of its ethos. The headteacher provides clear and inspiring leadership, and staff share and implement her vision effectively. The relationship of respect and kindness between staff and pupils is strong, which contributes to a safe and stimulating environment in which pupils are ready to learn.

Through effective joint planning, teachers provide a broad and rich curriculum that engages pupils' interests and provides purposeful opportunities for almost all to apply their literacy, numeracy and digital skills in meaningful ways. There is a strong emphasis on developing pupils' skills to become independent learners and, as a result, almost all develop into confident learners who take responsibility for their learning.

Staff are robust language models and provide regular opportunities to nurture natural Welsh speakers. As a result, pupils show increasing confidence in their oral skills and develop pride in their Welsh identity. Through class themes, reflection periods and worship sessions, pupils have opportunities to explore values such as kindness, respect and empathy, which contribute to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development in a beneficial way.

The pupil's voice is an established element of the life and work of the federation, with pupil groups contributing purposefully to important aspects of the school, including promoting regular attendance and punctuality. However, the rate of continuous absence of a few pupils remains above the national average.

Leaders ensure that professional learning opportunities are planned carefully, and this has a very positive effect on improving the quality of teaching and pupils' progress. Governors offer appropriate challenge and beneficial support in monitoring and evaluating the provision.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Improve the attendance of a few pupils

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.

Full Report

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