

Report summary for parents and carers on Newbridge-on- Wye CIW School

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Summary

Newbridge-on-Wye Church in Wales School is welcoming and inclusive, with a strong sense of community and where the well-being of pupils is a priority. Pupils are kind and caring towards each other and they enjoy coming to school. Nearly all pupils attend school regularly. They feel safe, valued and supported. Many pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN), make good progress. The relationship between pupils, staff and parents is exceptionally strong and has a beneficial impact on pupils' learning and well-being.

The school has designed a curriculum that sparks the curiosity of pupils and develops a strong sense of Cynefin. Teachers provide a wide range of purposeful activities that engage the interests of nearly all pupils. Good use is made of the surrounding area to enhance learning, for instance when pupils visit a local museum to learn about how the area has changed over time. Teachers plan effectively to develop pupils' digital, physical, and thinking skills. However, at times, pupils do not have enough beneficial opportunities to develop their independent skills.

Most pupils make strong progress in developing their mathematical understanding and apply their numeracy skills well across the curriculum. Pupils develop their literacy skills successfully. They make strong progress in reading, and most write confidently for a range of purposes. Opportunities for pupils to work with artists and musicians ensure that pupils develop their creative and expressive arts skills well. However, the majority of pupils do not make enough progress in developing their Welsh language skills.

Provision for ALN is a strength of the school. Staff provide high levels of care and support, and when appropriate, provide additional tailored support that meets pupils needs effectively.

Leaders know the strengths and areas for development well and prioritise the most important areas for improvement. Governors support and challenge the school successfully.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1. Ensure all pupils have worthwhile opportunities to become independent learners.

R2. Improve pupils' Welsh language skills

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

Full Report

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