

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Pencae

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Summary

Ysgol Pencae is an inclusive and well-organised community that supports pupils to thrive in a hard-working and happy atmosphere. Leaders work together effectively to support learning and maintain the wellbeing of pupils in their care.

Pupils concentrate well and most make sound progress in their skills. Pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) receive effective support from dedicated staff. Despite the suitable range of procedures to promote it, the attendance of groups of pupils remains too low.

The provision for the school's youngest pupils allows them to develop confidence and independence from an early age. They make meaningful choices about their activities, which boost their confidence successfully. Their understanding of Welsh develops well although they tend to respond in their first language, at times. Most older pupils develop increasing confidence in Welsh and speak easily and naturally. Staff promote a strong culture of reading and provide pupils with valuable experiences that promote their enjoyment of reading across a range of genres. Most pupils' writing skills develop appropriately and they respond to feedback beneficially while improving their work. Most pupils' mathematics and digital skills develop well. They apply them in different real-world contexts and benefit from interesting learning experiences. Most feel safe at school and understand the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

Teachers provide a rich range of activities and learning experiences that meet most pupils' needs well. They question pupils skilfully and provide useful feedback which encourages pupils to develop their work further. However, in a few activities, there is a tendency to overuse ready-made frameworks that hinder the development of pupils' independent skills.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Ensure consistency in, and share, the strongest teaching practices across the school

R2 Improve the attendance of specific groups of pupils

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

Full Report

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