

Ysgol Gymraeg Dyffryn y Glowyr
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Dear leaders and staff

Interim Visit: March 2026

A team of inspectors visited Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr recently to consider progress in relation to recommendations from the previous core inspection, along with one aspect agreed with the headteacher. The inspection team took advantage of the opportunity to observe teaching and learning, talk to pupils and staff, consider documentation and look at samples of pupils' work. Below is a summary of the findings from the visit.

Focus of visit

Improve pupils' use of spoken Welsh

- Leaders have a clear vision to promote the Welsh language and sense of Welshness among pupils and the school community. They promote effective pedagogy among the staff which, in turn, has a positive effect on the spoken Welsh skills of most pupils across the school.
- Staff are secure language models. They use effective teaching methods and question pupils skilfully. Teachers provide constructive feedback which is beneficial to pupils as they develop their work. They praise pupils for correcting their language when there are mistakes. The method of teaching oral skills is effective and staff use it when providing opportunities for pupils to practise specific language patterns, practising in pairs and small groups.
- Staff work together purposefully to provide a range of valuable cultural Welsh experiences for pupils, including competing in local and national eisteddfodau. They organise a range of engaging and stimulating extra-curricular activities where pupils are encouraged to develop their spoken Welsh skills effectively. Within

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formal and informal sessions, pupils usually use the Welsh language with increasing confidence.

- The school's stimulating learning environment and rich curriculum promote the Welsh language effectively among pupils and encourage them to speak Welsh with pride.
- Pupil's voice groups encourage their fellow pupils to speak Welsh beneficially, celebrating successes and rewarding the effort to speak Welsh. Leaders place an emphasis on ensuring opportunities for pupils to see the benefit of speaking Welsh, both inside and outside the school. By doing so, most pupils demonstrate a positive attitude towards learning it and embrace the Welsh language successfully.

Share the best teaching practices to ensure that learning sessions have a suitable pace and extend opportunities for pupils to improve their work

- Leaders and staff work together successfully to research, develop and share effective teaching methods across the school. Through this, they provide opportunities and learning experiences that respond appropriately to pupils' needs.
- Teachers provide stimulating learning opportunities that challenge pupils' learning purposefully. They share learning objectives and explain learning activities purposefully. This enables pupils, in line with their stage of development, to understand expectations and make consistent progress over time.
- The pace of learning sessions is effective and, where appropriate, staff pause learning to provide valuable opportunities for pupils to reflect and consider how they could challenge themselves to improve their work. Staff use a purposeful range of probing questioning methods that recall previous learning and confirm pupils' understanding beneficially.
- Across the school, most pupils discuss their learning confidently and demonstrate an appropriate understanding of what they need to do to succeed. They respond well to teachers' feedback and improve their work successfully. In general, pupils know what the next step is in their learning.
- Purposeful professional learning supports teachers to develop their ability to provide timely and effective feedback. As a result, the feedback identifies what pupils have done well and what needs to be improved.
- Leaders monitor the effect of teaching and feedback purposefully on pupils' learning and progress. Through this, they develop consistency in teaching methods and feedback across the school.

The school's most recent core inspection report and further information on the process and purpose of interim visits can be found on our website:

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6662152>

Yours sincerely



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