

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Acrefair

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Summary

Ysgol Acrefair provides a caring and inclusive environment where nearly all pupils feel safe, valued and ready to learn. Strong leadership sets a clear direction and high expectations across the school. Staff understand their roles well and work together effectively, creating a warm sense of belonging. Most pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN) and those eligible for free school meals, feel confident and make secure progress from their starting points.

Teaching supports pupils' learning effectively. Teachers plan engaging lessons, use questioning skilfully and provide helpful feedback that supports pupils to improve their work. As they move through the school, most pupils develop independence, resilience and positive attitudes to learning. They work well with others and behave very well, contributing to a calm and purposeful learning environment.

The school offers a rich and engaging curriculum that makes very good use of the local area and community partnerships. This helps pupils enjoy their learning and understand how it connects to real-life experiences. A particular strength is the emphasis on developing pupils' sense of identity and belonging through local links, which motivates them and helps them recognise their role within their community.

Most pupils develop good literacy and numeracy skills. They read confidently, enjoy a wide range of texts and write for different purposes. Many pupils produce imaginative writing, although a minority of older pupils do not always develop their ideas in enough depth. Pupils apply their mathematical skills effectively and use digital technology suitably to support their learning. While pupils enjoy learning Welsh, many do not speak the language confidently in everyday situations.

The school has a robust and effective approach to supporting and enhancing pupils' well-being. Strong relationships, regular well-being checks and a wide range of valuable learning experiences help pupils feel supported, develop respect for others and grow into confident, thoughtful individuals.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Improve pupils' Welsh oracy skills

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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