Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Estyn C.P.

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Summary

Ysgol Estyn is a happy, nurturing and highly inclusive learning community where nearly all pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN) and those from low-income households, make strong and sustained progress from their individual starting points. Pupils demonstrate excellent attitudes towards learning. They collaborate well and develop as highly confident, resilient and independent learners. They make purposeful choices about their learning, sustain concentration well and show increasing initiative in selecting resources, solving problems and evaluating their own work.

Staff use both indoor and outdoor learning environments exceptionally well to develop pupils' learning, well-being and independence. They provide rich, engaging learning experiences that encourage pupils to explore, investigate and lead aspects of their own learning. Pupils feel valued, contribute meaningfully to school life and develop strong leadership skills through a range of pupil leadership groups.

The school has established a strong culture of language and literacy. Most pupils read confidently, discuss books enthusiastically and apply an increasingly rich vocabulary in their writing across a range of contexts. Most pupils develop their mathematical knowledge, digital competence, and problem-solving skills well and apply them successfully to their work during engaging and purposeful learning activities. Teachers provide an appropriate level of challenge and use feedback effectively to support pupils to refine their work and deepen their understanding.

A notable strength of the school is its highly effective work with local schools. Leaders and staff work purposefully with colleagues to share and develop effective approaches to teaching and learning, develop their curriculum, strengthen professional learning for staff and ensure smooth transition arrangements for pupils.

The headteacher provides dynamic strategic leadership and is supported well by committed governors, leaders and staff who share a relentless focus on improving outcomes for all pupils. Pupils are encouraged to play an active role in their community and develop as valued, responsible citizens through a wide range of meaningful opportunities to contribute to local initiatives, support community events and engage with people beyond the school.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Further develop 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: https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6642024

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