Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gymunedol Bancffosfelen

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Summary

Staff at Ysgol Gymunedol Bancffosfelen provide a caring and inclusive environment for pupils. They promote care and wellbeing effectively and foster a positive working relationship with pupils which promotes learning successfully. This contributes effectively to the positive behaviour of most pupils and supports them to engage enthusiastically with their learning. The headteacher provides robust leadership, and staff work together effectively to realise the school's vision. Valuable opportunities are provided to celebrate pupils' learning experiences with parents and the wider community.

Staff provide a comprehensive and stimulating curriculum that engages and maintains pupils' interest skilfully. They know pupils' needs well and prepare appropriate tasks to support their progress from their various starting points. However, the tasks do not always support pupils to develop their independent learning skills effectively enough.

Most pupils develop good literacy and numeracy skills. They read confidently, enjoy a wide range of texts and write for different purposes. Across the school, most pupils have appropriate opportunities to develop their numeracy and digital skills across the curriculum. Pupils' oracy skills develop consistently during their time at the school; however, pupils do not always build on their oral and communication skills effectively enough.

Leaders and governors use effective self-evaluation processes to identify strengths and priorities for improvement. They provide staff with beneficial professional learning to support their development well. Strong partnerships with parents, the cylch meithrin and secondary schools support pupils to prepare well for the next stage in their learning.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Continue to develop pupils' Welsh speaking skills

R2 Expand the opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning 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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