



Report summary for parents and carers on Casllwchwr Primary School

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by Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

Overview

Casllwchwr Primary is a caring and nurturing school with the local community at the heart of its activities. Pupils are confident learners that play an active role in the school and its community. All pupils feel that they have a voice through their participation in different learner groups. They are encouraged to look out for each other to ensure that they are 'ready to learn', 'respectful of one another' and feel 'safe'. This motto permeates through the whole school community.

Leaders are passionate about the local community and engagement with their locality is a strength within the curriculum provision. Pupils feel proud of their local and Welsh heritage and have a secure grasp of the Welsh language. Throughout the school, teachers incorporate the Welsh language into their lessons to a high standard. Over time, most pupils develop strong Welsh language skills and are confident and proud to be Welsh speakers.

The curriculum is planned purposefully to ensure that topics are engaging and relevant to the pupils. Pupils have positive attitudes towards their learning and are developing well as independent learners. However, at times, teachers across the school tend to over-direct the learning, which inhibits the pupils' ability to apply and develop their skills independently across the curriculum.

Many pupils make good progress in developing their literacy, numeracy and digital skills. They develop these skills in authentic learning experiences across the curriculum. Many pupils develop their writing and numeracy skills appropriately throughout the school. However, a minority of pupils' understanding of mathematical concepts is less developed. Most pupils are articulate and confident speakers.

The school is an inclusive and welcoming community. Leaders have high aspirations for all and collaborate and communicate highly effectively with partners to enhance the pupils' learning experiences. Pupils' behaviour throughout the school is exemplary.

Recommendations

R1 Develop pupils' mathematical skills

R2 Ensure that all teachers have consistently high expectations of what pupils can achieve

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Casllwchwr Primary School
Local authority	City and County of Swansea
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	214
Pupils of statutory school age	161
Number in nursery classes	24
Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average (The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in Primary is 23.0%)	15.1%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Primary is 16.1%)	14.9%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	2.32%
Date of headteacher appointment	04/03/2019
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/10/2014
Start date of inspection	13/02/2023

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