



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Goronwy Owen

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

Overview

Ysgol Goronwy Owen is part of the Gwêl y Glannau Federation with Ysgol Gymuned Moelfre. The headteacher provides strong leadership and promotes teamwork across the sites highly successfully. The headteacher has a clear vision based on ensuring high levels of well-being and high standards, with an emphasis on ensuring consistency in the experiences of pupils in the individual schools. Staff work very closely in teaching teams across the federation to plan beneficial and stimulating learning experiences. As a result, teaching is consistently good in nearly all classes.

Teachers provide lessons that motivate pupils and encourage them to develop as independent learners effectively. They are supported by assistants who promote learning skilfully. They provide care and guidance of a high standard for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) and emotional needs.

Most pupils make sound progress from their starting points. They develop literacy skills successfully and, by the end of their time at the school, most pupils communicate naturally in Welsh. They write purposefully in different genres. However, the over-use of rigid frameworks means that they do not always apply their writing skills fully in work across the curriculum. Most pupils use numeracy skills confidently, for example when calculating by using written methods. However, they do not apply their numeracy skills in work across the curriculum as frequently. Across the schools, pupils develop strong digital skills.

Leaders know the schools in the federation well. As a result of clear processes and an ethos of honest self-evaluation, they have sound knowledge of the main strengths and areas for development.

Recommendations

- R1 Reduce the use of ready-made frameworks to enable pupils to develop their writing skills further in tasks across the curriculum
- R2 Provide regular opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills in their work across the curriculum
- R3 Comply fully with the statutory guidelines for healthy eating in schools

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Goronwy Owen
Local authority	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	148
Pupils of statutory school age	130
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	18
Percentage of statutory school age pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average <i>(The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in the primary sector is 23.0%)</i>	8.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) <i>(The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 16.1%)</i>	5.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	20.8%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2013
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/10/2019
Start date of inspection	06/03/2023

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