



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Eglwyswrw

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

Overview

Ysgol Eglwysrwrw is a very happy, inclusive and welcoming community that places a strong emphasis on celebrating Welshness and respecting others. Nearly all pupils are very proud of their school and make a valuable contribution to its caring ethos. They are very well behaved and treat their peers, visitors and members of the local community with respect, courtesy and tender care. During their time at the school, nearly all pupils make strong progress from their starting points. A strong feature is its use of the Welsh language in all aspects of school life, with most able to use their skills confidently in different contexts. Most pupils build increasingly on their writing skills, use an increasing range of rich vocabulary in their work and achieve good standards across the school.

Staff seek the views of parents/carers and pupils successfully to plan engaging themes that inspire and ensure the commitment of all pupils. The school's curriculum provides a wide range of stimulating activities across all areas of learning and experience. Across the school, the positive environment within the classrooms encourages effective and purposeful learning communities. Although teachers use a suitable range of teaching methods in their classes, the tendency to over-direct at times hinders pupils' ability to work on tasks wholly independently and challenge themselves. Overall, teachers do not always ensure tasks and learning and play experiences that challenge pupils to achieve as well as they could, particularly the most able.

The new headteacher has settled well and has shared her vision successfully with stakeholders. She contributes well to ensuring an inclusive and caring environment that is based on respect and appreciation of the contributions of others. As a result, there is a strong sense of trust between pupils and staff. The headteacher has a clear understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement and is keen to refine teaching across the school to meet the needs of all pupils. Members of the governing body have shown robust support for the new headteacher since her appointment and make a valuable contribution to the school's success.



Recommendations

R1 Expand opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills and make decisions in relation to their learning

R2 Ensure an appropriate level of challenge for all pupils

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Eglwysrwr
Local authority	Pembrokeshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	99
Pupils of statutory school age	81
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 21.3%)</i>	0.7%
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 22.2%)</i>	37%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	76.5%
Date of headteacher appointment	April 2022
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	10/12/2013
Inspection start date	10/10/2022

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