



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Mynyddygarreg

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

Overview

Nearly all pupils enjoy their time at this homely and caring school. They feel that the staff listen to them and are willing to respond to any concerns they may have. Staff work together highly effectively to ensure that pupils make sound progress in nearly all skills. A strong feature of provision is the effective methods the staff use to refine the pupils' Welsh language. As a result, nearly all pupils' Welsh language skills are developing robustly and they take pride in their bilingual skills. On the whole, teachers do not provide enough purposeful opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills across all areas of the curriculum.

Nearly all pupils' behaviour is excellent. They treat their peers and adults with respect. Pupils work together effectively and discuss and share ideas maturely. They demonstrate strong motivation and curiosity about their learning. Teachers plan a good range of activities that engage and hold pupils' interest successfully. They ask pupils probing questions that support them to develop their skills consistently. However, teachers do not provide activities that meet the needs of all pupils, particularly those who have been identified as being more able.

The acting headteachers have developed a consistent vision that supports them to develop different aspects of the school. With the enthusiastic support of a small team of staff, they focus on improving pupils' skills and provide stimulating experiences that enrich learning. The governing body has an appropriate understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement. However, the current uncertainty surrounding the leadership and management of the school is hindering the ability of leaders to make strategic and sustained decisions for the benefit of pupils and all of the school's partners. The school has a beneficial relationship with parents and the wider community.

Recommendations

- R1 Provide strategic and sustained leadership and management for the school
- R2 Provide an appropriate challenge for all pupils so that they achieve to the best of their ability, particularly those who are more able
- R3 Provide appropriate opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills across the curriculum

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations. Estyn will work with the local authority to review the school's progress. This is the lightest touch of follow-up, as it is not statutory.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Mynyddygarreg
Local authority	Carmarthenshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	38
Pupils of statutory school age	30
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>	10.5%
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>	23.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	73.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	28/02/2022
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	15/06/2014
Start date of inspection	27/02/2023

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