



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Penrhyncoch

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

Overview

Ysgol Penrhyncoch is a welcoming village school that has close links with the local community. The headteacher and all staff contribute consistently to creating a caring and inclusive ethos. Nearly all pupils show positive attitudes to learning and, during their time at the school, many make sound progress. Pupils are beginning to make decisions about what they learn. However, on the whole, pupils, including those who are members of committees such as the school council, do not influence the school's work regularly.

Most pupils speak Welsh with increasing confidence in lessons, although a minority of the oldest pupils turn to English occasionally when discussing with their peers. Many develop their reading skills soundly. They develop and apply their writing skills in activities across the curriculum successfully. However, at times, the oldest pupils rely too much on writing guides, which hinder their ability to write freely and with increasing independence. They also do not improve the content of their work regularly enough after receiving feedback.

Many pupils develop their numeracy skills suitably. On the whole, they develop digital skills appropriately, although the oldest pupils do not apply the full range of digital skills to the best of their ability. On the whole, teachers provide interesting lessons that engage pupils' interest successfully. However, provision does not always challenge a few pupils to achieve to the best of their ability, particularly those at the top of the school.

Teachers provide a wide variety of valuable opportunities for pupils to compete in the local community, for example by taking part in sports tournaments, local shows and eisteddfodau.

Ysgol Penllwyn is federated with Ysgol Penrhyncoch. The headteacher, who works across both sites, embodies the motto 'gyda'n gilydd, gallwn lwyddo' ('together we can succeed'). Although the schools have their own unique communities, they also take pride in the fact that they are part of one federation and hold activities together for pupils and parents regularly.



Recommendations

- R1 Address the health and safety issue that was raised during the inspection
- R2 Ensure that teachers' expectations are high enough to support all pupils to achieve to the best of their ability
- R3 Develop pupils' independent learning skills, including their ability to make choices about their learning, improve their own work and influence the work of the school

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Penrhyncoch
Local authority	Ceredigion County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	100
Pupils of statutory school age	78
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	6
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>	8.6 %
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>	19.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	42.3%
Date of headteacher appointment	April 2016
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/05/2017

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