



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Pontrhydfendigaid

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

Overview

Ysgol Pontrhydfendigaid is a wonderful school with a happy, caring and welcoming ethos where the well-being of all pupils is a clear priority. Pupils make a significant contribution to the pleasant, hard-working ethos that is characteristic of the school and take pride in their school and community. They are well behaved and treat others with natural courtesy and respect. The school has a robust culture of safeguarding and, as a result, pupils feel safe during their work and play and enjoy their time at the school.

Most pupils make sound progress in developing their literacy, mathematics and digital skills from their starting points. However, there are not always enough opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills fully across the curriculum.

Teachers work together productively to provide a curriculum that offers a wide range of exciting and interesting experiences that reflect the school's local context in full. As a result, pupils are inspired and their attitudes to learning are extremely robust. Teachers have an excellent working relationship with pupils that is full of care and respect. They have sound subject knowledge, ensure that learning activities have a suitable pace and provide stimulating learning areas and experiences that foster pupils' natural curiosity. However, feedback from staff does not always identify the next learning steps for pupils effectively. Assistants promote pupils' progress skilfully by providing appropriate learning experiences and support programmes.

The headteacher has a clear and robust vision for the school. This vision focuses on ensuring the well-being of pupils and providing them with the best possible learning experiences. She shares her vision effectively with everyone in the school community. The school's other leaders provide the headteacher with strong support and, overall, have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement. The governors are firm advocates of the school and show a good awareness of the school's activities. They support leaders and staff purposefully.

Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that staff feedback identifies the next steps in pupils' learning effectively
- R2 Improve opportunities for pupils to use their numeracy skills in full in their work across the curriculum

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Pontrhydfendigaid
Local authority	Ceredigion County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	71
Pupils of statutory school age	61
Percentage of statutory school age 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 the primary sector is 23.0%)	17.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 16.1%)	26.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	26.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2006
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/02/2015
Start date of inspection	02/05/2023

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