



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Y Garreg

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

Overview

This is a homely and inclusive school that promotes pupils' Welshness and well being effectively. Staff have a good understanding of pupils' needs and provide them with robust care and guidance. Teachers provide a wide range of stimulating and engaging experiences that engage pupils' interest effectively. However, at times, teachers have a tendency to over-direct learning and the level of challenge is not always suitable to meet the needs of all pupils.

Pupils' behaviour is robustly good and they show a high level of motivation and interest in their work. They are very willing to contribute their ideas and discuss their views maturely with their peers. They treat each other and staff with respect and are willing to support others when necessary. As a result, nearly all pupils take ownership of their learning and make sound progress in their skills over time. They take pride in the opportunities they are given to contribute to what they would like to learn within their termly themes. However, pupils are not always given opportunities to play a prominent part in decisions that affect them across the school.

The headteacher provides the school with clear strategic leadership. She works closely with governors and staff, who support her effectively to set priorities for improvement. They have a sound understanding of the school's main strengths and areas for improvement. Together, they work diligently to move teaching and learning forwards effectively.

Recommendations

- R1 Ensure an appropriate level of challenge to support pupils to develop their skills to the best of their ability
- R2 Provide opportunities for pupils to undertake leadership roles to contribute to the work and wider life 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 Y Garreg
Local authority	Cyngor Gwynedd
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	19
Pupils of statutory school age	16
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>	19.2%
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>	21.0%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	31.3%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	04/01/2013
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	07/10/2014
Start date of inspection	30/01/2023

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