



## Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Cenarth

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

# Overview

Ysgol Cenarth is a happy, familial and welcoming community. All staff work together effectively to provide an inclusive and friendly ethos where pupils are polite and behave respectfully. Pupils demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and make sound progress from their starting points. At times, learning experiences encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning, which engages their interest. However, this has not been embedded and developed consistently, and opportunities to be inquisitive and independent learners are limited.

Many pupils develop their numeracy and digital skills well by the end of their time at the school. However, a minority of pupils' Welsh reading strategies are limited. Most pupils develop their creative skills effectively and their work is displayed and celebrated attractively around the school.

Teachers provide a broad and interesting curriculum for pupils and consider their views sensibly about what they would like to learn in relation to their learning themes. However, they do not provide enough opportunities for pupils to write at length in different contexts.

The school is run effectively and leaders identify aspects of the school's work that are in need of improvement and the steps needed to realise this. The school's monitoring and evaluation activities are shrewd and accurate. Leaders give careful consideration to the views of pupils and governors and their voice influences the school's direction appropriately. Leaders share their vision clearly with everyone and the school community works diligently to ensure that learners are given a 'Good start' to have a 'Bright future'. Governors have a good awareness of the school's work and support the school effectively. The school needs to address the safeguarding concerns relating to the school's site.

# Recommendations

- R1 Respond to the safeguarding concerns relating to the school's site
- R2 Develop pupils' Welsh reading skills
- R3 Expand opportunities for pupils to write at length in different contexts
- R4 Develop opportunities to promote pupils' independent skills

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Cenarth
Local authority	Ceredigion County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	93
Pupils of statutory school age	59
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	18
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>	23.7%
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 16.1%)</i>	11.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	22.0%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	09/01/2020
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	04/04/2015
Start date of inspection	23/10/2023

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