



## Report summary for parents and carers on Pontybrenin Primary School

**Date of inspection: March 2024**

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

# Overview

The pupils, staff and parents in Pontybrenin Primary are proud of the happy, friendly ethos in the school. The homely feel and warm welcome make visitors feel a part of the school community quickly. Nearly all pupils' behaviour is excellent and their respect for one another and to all adults is a strength. They are considerate, especially courteous and show respect to their friends and adults.

Pupils feel cared for and supported, and have very positive attitudes towards their learning. There is an established culture of inclusion and diversity in which all pupils thrive. They love coming to school and talk enthusiastically about school life.

Most pupils make good progress in developing their literacy and numeracy skills and apply them purposefully in other areas of learning. Across the school, most pupils' oracy skills in English are a strength. However, although the pupils enjoy learning Welsh, they do not always make enough progress in developing their Welsh language skills. In addition, across the school most pupils' digital skills are limited.

The school has a purposeful curriculum providing the pupils with interesting opportunities to build on their knowledge and understanding of their 'cynefin'. Teachers use worthwhile authentic experiences to engage most pupils in lessons. Most pupils contribute successfully to their topics and work well independently on tasks. Opportunities for younger pupils to develop their curiosity and creativity in class and in the outdoor environment are good.

The headteacher provides strong and passionate leadership and is supported purposefully by the staff and governors. Leaders know the school well and share a clear and robust vision to support pupils' well-being and to develop them as lifelong learners. The school has an effective partnership with parents and the wider community. The headteacher, with the support of staff and governors, promotes a robust culture of safeguarding.

# Recommendations

R1 Provide opportunities for pupils to build their Welsh language skills systematically and coherently across the school

R2 Improve pupils' digital skills

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Pontybrenin Primary School
Local authority	City and County of Swansea
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	344
Pupils of statutory school age	255
Number in nursery classes	42
Percentage of 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 Primary is 23.7%)	11.4%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Primary is 13.2%)	3.5%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.9%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	4%
Date of headteacher appointment	07/02/2016
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	15/05/2017
Start date of inspection	18/03/2024

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