



# Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Morfa Rhianedd

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

# Overview

Ysgol Morfa Rhianedd is a supportive community that promotes a caring ethos successfully. There are close working relationships between pupils and staff, which foster an effective learning environment and a constant sense of belonging to the school family. The support to promote pupils' learning and well-being and pupils' ability to access this support is a strong feature of the school. This contributes beneficially to supporting pupils to develop sound attitudes to learning.

Teachers plan sensible and interesting activities that promote learning successfully. Provision to extend learning experiences for pupils outdoors is purposeful and focuses on develop their skills through engaging activities. Most pupils develop purposeful listening, speaking, reading, numeracy and digital skills. However, teachers do not provide regular opportunities for pupils to develop their extended writing skills. Overall, the quality of teachers' feedback does not support pupils to know what the next steps are in their learning effectively enough.

The headteacher leads the school skilfully and supports staff to ensure that pupils' learning and well-being are constant priorities. This is central to his ambitious vision. He works diligently with staff and governors to ensure that the school is an inclusive learning community that promotes positive opportunities for pupils. Leaders keep in close contact with the school's wider community and build on the positive relationship with parents. However, inspectors brought an issue relating to the safety of the school's site to the attention of the school's leaders during the inspection.

Leaders evaluate the school's work effectively by using regular and well-designed self evaluation processes. The school's monitoring activities lead to relevant improvement plans and comprehensive training opportunities for staff to develop their skills through agreed professional learning.

# Recommendations

- R1 Address the concern relating to the safety of the school's site that was identified during the inspection
- R2 Provide regular opportunities for pupils to develop their extended writing skills
- R3 Ensure that the quality of teachers' feedback identifies the next steps in pupils' learning effectively

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Morfa Rhianedd
Local authority	Conwy County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	*
Number of pupils on roll	152
Pupils of statutory school age	133
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	19
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 23.7%)</i>	30.6%
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 13.2%)</i>	24.4%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	5.2%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	09/04/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	26/01/2015
Start date of inspection	18/03/2024

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