



## Report summary for parents and carers on Cwrt Rawlin Primary School

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

# Overview

The headteacher, staff and governors have created a highly inclusive ethos at the school. As a result, pupils thrive in their work and develop into kind, considerate and mature individuals.

Nearly all pupils are polite and well-mannered, and their interaction with each other and all adults is exemplary. They greet visitors with a warm smile and a friendly greeting, which makes visitors immediately feel a part of the wider school community. Pupils' attitudes to learning and their behaviour are excellent. Nearly all engage immediately at the beginning of each lesson and show perseverance and resilience in what they achieve.

All staff collaborate and support each other well. The school benefits from a strong team of dedicated, skilled teachers and teaching assistants who work diligently to help the pupils in their care. Teachers plan interesting lessons that enable pupils to develop a good range of skills. In particular, they are highly effective at helping pupils to achieve exceptional reading and oracy skills. Overall, pupils write to a good standard and develop progressive digital skills, which they apply confidently in other areas of learning. Although pupils develop sound discrete mathematical skills, they do not apply their numeracy skills often enough in other areas of learning. Furthermore, pupils do not make sufficient progress in developing their Welsh language skills.

School staff provide effective support to pupils with additional learning needs (ALN). Teachers and teaching assistants know their pupils well and provide beneficial support tailored for individual needs. However, across the school, there is a tendency for staff to over-direct the learning, which inhibits the pupils to develop as independent learners.

The leadership of the school is highly effective. The headteacher provides compassionate leadership that helps staff, pupils and their families to succeed. Governors are very supportive of the school and show a good awareness of their roles and responsibilities. They support leaders and staff effectively. The headteacher, with the support of staff and governors, promotes a robust culture of safeguarding. The links with parents and the local community are strong.

# Recommendations

- R1 Improve pupils' Welsh oracy skills
- R2 Ensure that teachers across the school provide regular opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Cwrt Rawlin Primary School
Local authority	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	365
Pupils of statutory school age	273
Number in nursery classes	44
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%)	4.6%
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%)	8.4%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2015
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	13/06/2016
Start date of inspection	22/04/2024

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