



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Waunfawr

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Overview

Ysgol Gynradd Waunfawr is a happy, familial and welcoming school. All staff work together effectively to create a caring, Welsh ethos and a safe place where staff and pupils care for each other naturally. Care and respect permeate the school and the supportive working relationship between staff and pupils builds confidence and supports them to enjoy their time at the school greatly. They are happy to attend, behave well and develop positive attitudes to learning.

The school has a strong Welsh atmosphere with a distinct feature of providing a range of valuable experiences and a clear emphasis on promoting pupils' awareness of their local area and the history and traditions of Wales. This deepens their pride in their school and the wider community and creates a strong sense of belonging.

Teachers provide rich and stimulating learning experiences that engage the interest of most pupils. This enables them to develop the skills they need to access the whole curriculum. Pupils have a strong voice in the life of the school and enjoy the opportunities they are given to influence what they would like to learn within the termly theme. They thrive by contributing to a variety of councils which have a positive effect on school life. As a result, most pupils show strong motivation, a curious interest in their learning and make sound progress from their starting points. However, at times, they are not given enough opportunities to decide for themselves how to respond to activities with increasing independence.

The headteacher provides effective and supportive leadership which gives the school a clear direction. She receives strong support from dedicated staff who work well together as a team and share responsibilities sensibly. They show a strong commitment to promoting continuous and sustainable improvements. Governors have a good understanding of the school's work and support the school effectively.

Recommendations

- R1 Provide more opportunities for pupils to make decisions about how they organise and present their work and to respond to learning activities with increasing independence
- R2 Expand opportunities for pupils to respond to feedback in a timely manner so that they know what to do to improve and develop their work further

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Waunfawr
Local authority	Cyngor Gwynedd
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	120
Pupils of statutory school age	87
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	12
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>	13.5%
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>	15.8%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	75.8%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2020
Start date of inspection	22/04/2024

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