



Report summary for parents and carers on Cross Ash C.P. School

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

Overview

Cross Ash Primary School is an inclusive, welcoming, and safe community where pupils thrive and enjoy a wide range of engaging and exciting learning experiences. Strong working relationships and deep mutual respect between pupils and staff create a particularly supportive ethos that nurtures exceptionally good behaviour, consideration for others and a culture of high expectations. The school's leadership team, staff and governors have established a clear and shared vision for the school, based on securing high levels of well-being, good progress in learning for all pupils, and a strong culture of safeguarding.

Most pupils develop positive attitudes to learning and this helps them to progress well as they move through the school. Young pupils settle well into school and establish good patterns of learning and behaviour. By the end of their time at the school, pupils' passion for developing new skills, finding things out and solving problems is clear. Pupils develop a strong sense of Welsh heritage and culture however they do not make sufficient progress in developing their Welsh language skills.

Teachers are developing a creative curriculum for pupils to build on their knowledge and to deepen their understanding of their locality and wider area. They provide beneficial life experiences for the pupils and engage them well in their learning. Although staff praise pupils for their achievements regularly, feedback does not always enable pupils to independently improve their work.

Leaders and staff have made strong progress in developing a new curriculum that suits their pupils, their community, and their vision. They work well in collaboration with other schools to develop their approaches to teaching and learning. Across the school, teachers and teaching assistants ensure that pupils benefit from interesting lessons, learn to challenge themselves, and make good progress. The school has developed its outdoor areas well to create an exciting and engaging learning environment for pupils.

Recommendations

R1 Improve pupils' Welsh language skills

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Cross Ash C.P. School
Local authority	Monmouthshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	None
Number of pupils on roll	174
Pupils of statutory school age	164
Number in nursery classes	0
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%)	5.4%
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%)	2.8%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	06/06/2016
Start date of inspection	07/05/2024

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