



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James

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

Overview

The acting headteacher of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James leads the learning community in an inspiring manner. She upholds a vision that provides an environment that fosters pupils' well-being and learning skilfully. Leaders promote a culture of co-operation among staff in a valuable manner and support them to provide beneficial learning experiences for pupils. The wider community within the school, including the governing body, shares the same vision and contributes appropriately to continuous improvement. Overall, leaders evaluate the school's strengths and areas for improvement regularly which, in turn, leads to beneficial priorities and improvement. However, self-evaluation processes do not always measure the effect of provision on pupils' progress effectively enough.

One of the school's most obvious qualities is provision to support pupils to develop their Welsh language skills. This has a robust effect on pupils' confidence to speak Welsh in formal and less formal contexts. Most pupils use their literacy, numeracy and digital skills effectively in relevant learning activities. Overall, teachers across the school take advantage of opportunities to share and emulate effective teaching practices. This means that pupils have beneficial experiences that support them to develop and apply their skills independently in stimulating learning activities. However, effective teaching practices are not adopted consistently in all classes.

The teaching team identifies pupils' well-being and learning needs skilfully. This contributes successfully to fostering pupils' interest in their learning in an inclusive and Welsh environment. Staff provide opportunities to support pupils to enjoy the various learning experiences and make progress in their skills. This includes provision for pupils who receive additional support with their learning, including those who receive specialist support in the 'Cwtsh' through the medium of Welsh.

Recommendations

R1 Refine self-evaluation processes

R2 Share effective teaching practices across the school

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James
Local authority	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	
Number of pupils on roll	299
Pupils of statutory school age	213
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	58
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>	12.8%
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>	6.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	24.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	09/05/2016
Start date of inspection	10/06/2024

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