



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Parc Y Llan

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

Overview

Ysgol Parc Y Llan is a safe, happy and caring learning community where pupils thrive. The strong working relationship between pupils and staff is a notable strength of the school. Pupils display high levels of respect for adults, visitors and each other. Staff know their pupils very well and support them with their well-being highly effectively. This is an outstanding feature of the school's provision.

Pupils' behaviour is exemplary in lessons, when they move around the school and during play and lunchtimes when they participate in worthwhile loose parts activities. This helps to develop collaboration, creativity and pupils' problem-solving skills highly successfully.

Across the school, the quality of teaching is strong. Staff have developed creative and vibrant learning environments to stimulate, support and challenge pupils. As a result, during their time at school, most pupils make strong academic progress across a range of skills from their varied starting points. Provision for pupils identified as having additional learning needs (ALN) is particularly effective and, as a result, most make good progress during their time at school.

The school's bespoke curriculum takes account of pupils' interests and reflects the Curriculum for Wales highly effectively. Pupils have positive attitudes to learning and are proud that they have an emerging voice in their school and opportunities to influence what and how they learn. They talk enthusiastically about how they have the tools to support their independent learning. As a result, pupils respond well to challenge and develop resilience.

Staff encourage pupils to celebrate the diversity of their community and develop an understanding of the heritage of Wales. The school's outdoor learning experiences enable pupils to develop an extensive knowledge of sustainability and a growing awareness of environmental matters. For example, they collaborate well with external agencies to protect habitats and to observe biodiversity in 'Coedwig Llan.'

Leaders and staff know the school well and share a clear and robust vision to support pupils' well-being and to develop them as lifelong learners able to 'reach for the stars.' They have a robust understanding of the school strengths and areas for development, and plan highly effective strategic actions to secure improvement. A particular strength of the school is the successful partnerships they have established with parents and the wider community. Leaders and staff promote a robust culture of safeguarding. Despite leaders' best efforts to promote regular attendance, too many pupils are absent too frequently in a minority of year groups.

Recommendations

R1 Continue to improve attendance

What happens next

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

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to effective provision and approaches to support pupils' well-being and engagement for them to fully benefit from authentic and engaging learning experiences, and establishing productive working relationships with parents and the wider school community to improve opportunities and outcomes for all pupils, for dissemination on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Parc YLlan
Local authority	Flintshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	114
Pupils of statutory school age	85
Number in nursery classes	13
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%)	25.0%
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%)	20.0%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	5.9%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/04/2014
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/04/2015
Start date of inspection	10/06/2024

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