



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Santes Dwynwen

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

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Overview

Ysgol Santes Dwynwen is a supportive community, which promotes a caring and positive ethos. There are warm working relationships between pupils and staff which foster a good learning environment and pride in belonging to the school family. Support to promote pupils' learning and well-being, and pupils' ability to use this support, is a strong feature of the school. This helps pupils to develop sound attitudes towards their learning and well-being.

Teachers plan interesting activities, which promote learning sensibly. Staff use the indoor learning environment productively to target pupils' needs purposefully and planning in terms of activities to promote pupils' learning is effective. However, provision of outdoor learning experiences is not as effective, particularly for the youngest pupils.

Most pupils develop purposeful listening, speaking, reading and digital skills. However, teachers do not provide enough valuable opportunities for pupils to develop their extended writing and numeracy skills. In addition, the quality of teachers' feedback does not support pupils to know what the next steps are in their learning effectively enough.

The headteacher leads the school in a meaningful and caring manner and supports staff to ensure that pupils' learning and well-being are consistent priorities. This is central to her inclusive vision. She works diligently with staff and governors to ensure that the school is a happy learning community that promotes positive opportunities for pupils. Leaders keep in close contact with the school's wider community and build on the active relationship with parents. However, inspectors brought an issue relating to the safety of the school's site to the attention of leaders during the inspection.

Leaders evaluate the school's work thoroughly by using regular and skilful self evaluation processes. Monitoring activities lead to relevant improvement priorities and comprehensive training opportunities for staff to develop their skills through agreed professional learning.

Recommendations

- R1 Address the concern regarding the safety of the school's site that was identified during the inspection
- R2 Plan jointly to improve pupils' skills, particularly their extended writing and numeracy skills across the curriculum
- R3 Ensure that the quality of teachers' feedback targets the next steps in pupils' learning effectively
- R4 Improve the quality and provision of outdoor learning experiences, particularly for the youngest pupils

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Santes Dwynwen
Local authority	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Voluntary Controlled Church in Wales School
Number of pupils on roll	113
Pupils of statutory school age	94
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	19
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>	23.4%
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>	26.4%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	69.0%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	1.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	02/04/2018
Start date of inspection	17/06/2024
This is the first inspection of Ysgol Santes Dwynwen since the merger of the area's primary schools in 2019.	

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