

# Report summary for parents and carers on Oak Field Primary School

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## Summary

Oak Field Primary School is a welcoming, happy, and inclusive school that is truly at the heart of its community. The school has developed a caring and inclusive culture where pupils and families feel safe, happy, and valued. This environment supports nearly all pupils to develop positive attitudes to learning and behaviour. Pupil well-being is a priority for the school. This means that nearly all pupils take a pride in their school and appreciate the warm environment into which they are welcomed.

Leaders and staff have worked successfully to develop a vision for the school that is relevant to the needs of the pupils and the local community. They work closely with a range of agencies to support families, and this has had a positive impact on attendance and parents' engagement with the school.

The curriculum is engaging and exciting with inquiry questions used successfully to enable pupils to lead their learning and develop their creative skills. Opportunities to work with local artists, overseas trips and regular visits to working farms provide authentic opportunities for pupils' learning. Pupils are encouraged to take on responsibilities and leadership roles, but their role in the school's development and decision-making processes is at an early stage of development.

There is good provision for pupils to develop their English, mathematical and digital skills through the school and, as a result, most make at least expected progress. However, pupils' Welsh language skills are underdeveloped.

The school's self-evaluation processes successfully identify the most important areas for improvement. Leaders recognise, for example, the importance of extending opportunities for all pupils, and use additional grant funding creatively to support this. The governing body works successfully with the headteacher, staff, pupils and parents to support ongoing improvement. A commitment to professional learning for all staff successfully supports improvements in pupils' learning and well-being.

# Recommendations and next steps

### We have made two recommendations to help the school continue to improve:

- R1 Improve pupils' Welsh oracy skills
- R2 Provide a greater range of opportunities for pupils to influence the wider life of the school

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

### **Full Report**

If you would like to read more about Estyn's evaluation of the school, please follow this link to the <u>full</u> <u>report</u>

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