

Report summary for parents and carers on Gwersyllt Community Primary School Date of inspection: March 2025

Summary

Gwersyllt Primary is a safe, happy and caring school with a strong community feel. Staff place a high importance on pupils' well-being. They build strong relationships with pupils and are very supportive.

Leaders and staff create an inclusive and community focussed school where pupils feel a strong sense of belonging. The headteacher leads by example and has established an effective culture of continuous improvement and reflection. His sensitive, resilient, and clear communication creates a happy and caring school environment. Governors have a good understanding of the school's context and the community they serve, ensuring that the school's resources are used effectively to support pupils' learning and well-being.

Most pupils' behaviour is exemplary, and they value opportunities to take on responsibility through leadership roles. Nearly all pupils engage well in their learning. They benefit from the school's stimulating outdoor learning environment and demonstrate positive attitudes to their work. In most areas of learning resources are used effectively to engage and inspire learning although provision to develop pupils' creative skills is less well developed.

Overall teachers plan appropriate opportunities for most pupils to make suitable progress in their learning although, occasionally, teachers do not challenge pupils to make the progress they could, particularly in mathematics. In addition, at times, there is too much adult direction during learning experiences and not enough opportunity for pupils to develop their independence.

Provision to support pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) and those who need a little extra help with their learning is highly effective. Robust systems secure early identification and a skilled staff use a range of interventions to ensure that pupils with identified needs make good progress against their personal targets.

Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Ensure that pupils have appropriate opportunities to develop as independent learners
- R2 Ensure that all pupils are challenged to achieve their full potential
- R3 Improve opportunities for pupils to develop their creative skills

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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