

Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gynradd Cynfran

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Summary

Ysgol Gynradd Cynfran is an inclusive community with a strong emphasis on the well-being and development of pupils, staff and the wider community. The headteacher has a clear vision to ensure that pupils have engaging learning experiences in a well-organised and caring learning environment. Staff work effectively as a team to support pupils' well-being and to plan a broad and balanced curriculum. They develop valuable relationships with families and external agencies and have a good understanding of the local community context. Despite working closely with families, too many pupils do not attend school regularly enough.

Overall, pupils learn at an appropriate pace during lessons. Teachers provide feedback to pupils that improves their learning. Staff create engaging and stimulating learning environments and many classrooms contain valuable resources that support pupils with their learning. Outdoor areas are well used to ensure that all pupils have opportunities to explore learning in an outdoor environment. However, staff do not enable pupils to develop appropriately as independent learners, able to make choices about their own learning.

Pupils have regular and worthwhile opportunities to develop their literacy, numeracy and digital skills. Most pupils make good progress in developing these skills and apply them suitably to their work across the curriculum. Most pupils develop as confident speakers and develop a wide range of vocabulary in English. They lack confidence when speaking in Welsh.

Leaders encourage staff to take ownership of their own professional development, but there are missed opportunities to link professional learning opportunities to important aspects of the school's work in need of improvement. Governors are well-informed by leaders and support the school to manage its budget efficiently and evaluate the impact of grant funding effectively.

Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Ensure that all pupils develop as effective independent learners able to make choices about how they learn
- R2 Strengthen professional learning opportunities to ensure that they are linked appropriately to the aspects of teaching and learning in need of improvement
- R3 Improve pupils' attendance

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

Full Report

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