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Dear leaders and staff

Interim visit: September 2026

A team of inspectors visited Plasmarl Primary School recently to consider progress in relation to the one recommendation from the previous core inspection, and one area of the school's work on which leaders have been focusing. The inspection team took the opportunity to observe teaching and learning, talk with pupils and staff, consider documentation, and look at samples of pupils' work. Below is a summary of the findings from the visit.

Focus of visit

Continue to improve pupils' Welsh speaking skills

- Leaders and staff have worked together successfully to raise the profile of Welsh across the school. A range of Welsh themed events, purposeful bilingual school displays and pupil-led initiatives successfully encourage pupils to use the Welsh language both in and out of the classroom.
- Leaders provide staff with appropriate professional learning, and they are keen to develop their own Welsh language skills. Most model Welsh language patterns well throughout the school day. Most pupils understand and respond appropriately to the wide range of age-appropriate instructions they are given.
- The school's committed Criw-Cymraeg group champion the development of the Welsh language. Opportunities to collaborate with groups in other schools provide beneficial opportunities to further develop ideas for events, fun games and activities that promote Welsh.
- Leaders have recently strengthened planning for the progressive development of Welsh oracy skills. This ensures that pupils build their understanding of Welsh language patterns and vocabulary systematically as they move through the school.
- From an early age, staff encourage pupils to use Welsh as they play. As a result, many younger pupils use simple sentences confidently. Many older pupils hold conversations independently, extending sentences and varying tense with increasing confidence as they move through the school.

Understanding and meeting pupils' additional learning needs

- Leaders understand the increasing range and complexity of pupils' additional learning needs at the school, including those pupils who experience difficulties with attention and concentration. Effective evaluation has led to targeted approaches, including movement and sensory activities, which help pupils to regulate and engage in learning.
- Leaders have provided staff with beneficial professional learning and bespoke guidance to meet pupils' additional learning needs. To support pupils' learning, they have developed a bespoke booklet of strategies to help teachers meet pupils' additional needs in the classroom. Leaders recognise the need to continue to strengthen support for new staff and monitor the consistent use of agreed strategies.
- The school has developed its own specialist classes that support pupils who need extra help to engage in purposeful learning. These provide carefully considered, individualised learning activities for pupils with notable learning needs. These classes have a positive impact on pupils' well-being and their engagement with school.
- Most teachers understand pupils' learning needs well. They use classroom strategies, such as visual timetables, visual checklists and supportive resources to help pupils participate in learning effectively. Across the school, agreed strategies have a positive impact on pupils' ability to regulate, settle and engage in learning.

The school's/PRU's latest core inspection report and further information on the process and purpose of interim visits can be found on our website:

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6702051>

Yours sincerely



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