



## Report summary for parents and carers on Trelawnyd V.A. School

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

# Overview

Abercynon Community Primary School is a welcoming, inclusive school that places a high priority on the well-being of its pupils. The headteacher and senior leaders are highly invested in the school and its community. Staff at all levels work together effectively in pupils' best interests and are proud of the positive relationships with them. As a result, most pupils feel happy, safe and valued.

During their time in school, most pupils make effective progress in many areas of the curriculum and strong progress in developing their listening and speaking skills. However, across the school, pupils do not develop their Welsh language skills as well as they could. Staff collaborate successfully to plan interesting authentic learning experiences to ensure that the curriculum is broad and balanced. They enrich the curriculum well through regular educational trips and visitors to the school. Teaching across the school has many strengths. However, self-evaluation processes have not identified that, in a minority of lessons, teachers do not provide pupils with enough challenge.

Staff know pupils well and understand their needs successfully. They provide strong support for pupils that need extra help, including those with additional learning needs (ALN). Staff in the specialist resource class have created a highly inclusive environment where pupils grow in confidence and make effective progress. As a result, nearly all pupils' individual needs are met, enabling them to thrive and grow in confidence.

# Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that self-evaluation and improvement strategies focus sharply on the impact of teaching on learning
- R2 Address the inconsistencies in the quality of teaching across the school with a particular focus on ensuring that all pupils are challenged effectively
- R3 Improve pupils' Welsh language oracy skills across the school

## What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations.



## School context

Name of provider	Abercynon Community Primary School
Local authority	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	333
Pupils of statutory school age	263
Number in nursery classes	32
Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average (The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in Primary is 23.0%)	25.9%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Primary is 16.1%)	5.3%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2012
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	02/03/2015
Start date of inspection	02/05/2023

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