



Report summary for parents and carers on Garth Primary School

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

Overview

Garth Primary School is a happy and caring learning community. Leaders, staff and governors work diligently to ensure that pupils' well-being sits at the heart of their work. The school understands and works with its local community beneficially. As a result, the school, its pupils and their families work together confidently and purposefully. Pupils develop positive working relationships with staff and trust them to help and support them at all times.

The school's developing curriculum, and an engaging range of extra-curricular activities and clubs, ensure that pupils enjoy school and take part positively in all the school has to offer. For the most part, teachers challenge pupils effectively and plan learning that supports them to make useful progress in many areas of learning. Many pupils make particularly positive progress in developing their speaking and listening skills. Leaders and staff continue to work to develop learning experiences that ensure that pupils develop their skills and understanding progressively.

There is a strong sense of teamwork at the school, and the headteacher, senior leaders and staff work together positively. Leaders set in place positive strategies to improve pupils' skills and support their well-being. Their decision to fund family engagement officers is having a notably positive impact on pupils, their families and the local community.

Recommendations

- R1 Address the well-being issue identified at the time of the inspection
- R2 Ensure that the curriculum enables pupils to develop skills systematically and progressively
- R3 Sharpen monitoring and improvement strategies to focus better on pupils' learning
- R4 Improve pupils' writing skills

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Garth Primary School
Local authority	Bridgend County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	219
Pupils of statutory school age	161
Number in nursery classes	36
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%)	42.1%
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%)	4.3%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Start date of inspection	06/03/2023

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