



# **Report summary for parents and carers on Laugharne V.C.P. School**

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

# Overview

There is a calm and positive ethos in Laugharne VCP School, where pupils and staff are happy and respectful of each other. The working relationship that exists between the staff and the pupils is special and supports well-being and learning effectively. This is particularly evident in the positive encouragement staff provide for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN).

There has been an interim arrangement in leadership over recent months. Current leadership is robust and places pupils' well-being and learning at the heart of everything they do. Leaders also take good account of staff well-being and support their professional learning well. They know what the school does well, and what it needs to improve, and has detailed plans for developing these.

Staff at all levels collaborate effectively to ensure that they provide effective cross-curricular experiences to support pupils' learning and well-being. These are based on the principles of the Curriculum for Wales. Activities are interesting and exciting for the pupils. This motivates them well and inspires them to learn. As a result, nearly all pupils behave well, are happy at school and make progress that is at least good in their literacy, numeracy, and digital skills. However, only a few pupils speak Welsh to a suitable standard. Leaders have identified this as an area for development and have plans in place to improve it.



# Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that pupils make good progress in their Welsh speaking skills
- R2 Embed the recently adapted provision to support pupils with additional learning needs in the school's practice
- R3 Share the effective practice that exists in delivering the Curriculum for Wales across the school

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Laugharne V.C.P. School
Local authority	Carmarthenshire
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Voluntary Controlled
Number of pupils on roll	68
Pupils of statutory school age	60
Number in nursery classes	7
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%)	20.2%
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%)	36.3%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	2.5%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2015
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/10/2013
Start date of inspection	24/10/2022
There is an interim leadership team at the school. The acting headteacher has been in post since the middle of June 2022 and is also responsible for a neighbouring school.	

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