



Report summary for parents and carers on Llandeilo C.P. School

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

Overview

Llandeilo Primary School is a nurturing and welcoming school where all pupils treat each other with respect and consideration. Pupil behaviour is good and nearly all pupils enjoy learning and are positive about their school. Staff understand pupils' needs and ensure their well-being is a priority. The school listens to and considers the views and opinions of pupils effectively. The school communicates with parents and the community beneficially. However, rates of attendance are low and significantly below the school's own target.

Senior leaders ensure that pupils are an important part of curriculum development. Teachers provide beneficial opportunities for pupils to influence what and how they learn. For example, in the explore phase of the survival topic, pupils' interests led the direction of the topic, ensuring that pupils were highly motivated. Teaching and provision across the school is effective with a strong use of outdoor learning and purposeful learning activities. Teachers prioritise practical learning experiences with a clear focus on skills, however opportunities for pupils to develop extended writing skills and Welsh oracy are underdeveloped. Teaching and provision for younger pupils is a strength of the school. Teachers plan effectively to develop outdoor learning and skills.

Senior leaders distribute leadership responsibilities and support staff beneficially to develop their skills. Senior leaders give staff time to collaborate, research, and trial new initiatives which positively impact provision, like the development of the new curriculum. Staff take a prominent role in self-evaluation and have accurately recognised areas for development. However, the pace of improvement for some priorities, like extended writing and Welsh oracy, are too slow. Governors are well informed, supportive and active in supporting school development. For example, governors prioritised additional meetings to ensure a focus on teaching and learning and curriculum development.

Recommendations

R1 Improve the effectiveness of school improvement actions

R2 Ensure opportunities for pupils to write at length across the curriculum

R3 Improve attendance

R4 Further develop Welsh oracy 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	Llandeilo C.P. School
Local authority	Carmarthenshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	236
Pupils of statutory school age	187
Number in nursery classes	22
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%)	25.8%
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%)	29.4%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	17 pupils/8%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2008
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	22/05/2015
Start date of inspection	12/06/2023

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