



Report summary for parents and carers on St David's R.C. Jnr. & Inf. School

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

Overview

St David's R.C. Primary School is a happy, caring and welcoming school that has pupils' well-being at its heart. Its vision for 'Learning, Loving, Laughing – Following in the footsteps of Jesus' permeates through the whole school community. Staff and pupils feel valued and are an integral part of school improvement processes.

Leaders encourage purposeful collaboration in their drive to develop the school as one where staff are continuously learning. They encourage both pupils and staff to lead individual research enquiries to support their learning. The school leads professional learning in Welsh across the cluster to develop pupils as bilingual citizens. Throughout the school, teachers incorporate the Welsh language into their lessons to a high standard. Over time, most pupils develop strong Welsh language skills and are confident and proud to be Welsh.

Teachers have created interesting learning environments in classrooms and in the outside areas. Teachers make good use of the outdoor environment to enhance pupils' learning experiences and to develop their well-being and creativity. Pupils are thoroughly engaged in their learning and they describe their learning as fun. Many pupils are an active part of their learning and respond effectively to verbal feedback. However, feedback does not always help pupils to know how well they are doing and how to improve their work.

The school is an inclusive, accessible and supportive community. Leaders have high aspirations for all and collaborate and communicate highly effectively with partners to enhance the pupils' learning experiences and to support their well-being.

Recommendations

R1 Strengthen teachers' use of assessment and feedback to support pupils during lessons and over time

What happens next

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

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to leading professional learning across cluster schools to develop the bilingualism of pupils, for dissemination on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	St David's R.C. Jnr. Inf. School
Local authority	Torfaen County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Roman Catholic
Number of pupils on roll	201
Pupils of statutory school age	157
Number in nursery classes	29
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%)	23.2%
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%)	23.6%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	5.1%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2016
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/05/2014
Start date of inspection	06/03/2023

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