



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Bro Famau

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

Overview

Ysgol Bro Famau is a close-knit, inclusive school where everyone has a say in the way things work. This means that the headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents work together efficiently and effectively for the benefit of pupils. The level of commitment from these stakeholders, along with the support of the wider community, makes this a particularly happy, hardworking and successful school.

Pupils' attitudes to learning and willingness to support one another in their work and play are especially notable. They appreciate the importance of learning and of gaining skills, knowledge and understanding across the curriculum, and do so with enthusiasm, interest and enjoyment. This zest for life and learning contributes strongly to their personal well-being, as well as the very good progress they make as they move through the school.

Teachers take good account of pupils' needs and opinions to plan interesting lessons and experiences that focus well on establishing pupils' basic skills and concepts. They follow these up with a range of engaging and challenging learning opportunities so that pupils can apply what they have learnt in different contexts, often in the school's extensive outdoor learning environment. The school's new curriculum is developing well, but it is too early to be sure that it will provide continuity and progression for all pupils over time.

All teachers are part of the strong leadership team. This enables them to collaborate closely with the headteacher and governors and to make a significant contribution to strategic matters, including school improvement. These close and productive working relationships mean that communication amongst staff is very effective. It enables teachers and support staff to respond quickly to important issues and, where appropriate, make changes to provision and practice that will benefit pupils without delay.

Recommendations

R1 Build on the well-established curriculum foundations to ensure continuity and progression in skills, knowledge and understanding for all pupils

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	Ysgol Bro Famau
Local authority	Denbighshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	64
Pupils of statutory school age	53
Number in nursery classes	6
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%)	15.1%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/11/2015
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	19/05/2014
Start date of inspection	02/05/2023
Ysgol Bro Famau has two sites. Pupils from Nursery to Year 2 attend the Llanferres site, while pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 spend their time at the Llanarmon site. When appropriate, for example for whole-school events, pupils are transported from one site to other by bus. Leaders and staff manage the use of the two sites very effectively.	

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