



**Report summary for parents and
carers on
Ysgol y Waun**

Date of inspection: December 2022

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

Overview

Ysgol Y Waun is a caring and inclusive school at the heart of its community. Despite being across two separate sites, the school provides a collective family feel where all pupils and families are made to feel welcome. Nearly all pupils settle quickly to school life and make rapid progress in all areas of learning. Progress in literacy skills, particularly the development of writing skills, is very successful with most pupils writing exceptionally well by the time they leave the school. This is due to the high-quality teaching and support pupils receive from all staff across the school. Most pupils make good progress in their maths skills, but they have limited opportunity to apply these skills in real-life situations.

The headteacher, all leaders and staff have developed a positive culture of teamwork. They ensure that pupils are well-cared for and that all pupils have their needs met appropriately. For example, the nurture class on The Lloyd's Lane site provides beneficial support to those pupils who need it. Across the school pupils develop positive working relationships with adults and they trust them to act in their best interests at all times. Most pupils further develop their sense of safety and well-being through regular activities in the school's forest area. As a result, nearly all pupils show respect and behave well across the school.

Leaders and staff work collaboratively to ensure that provision across both school sites is well-led and managed. They undertake a range of suitable activities to identify school strengths and areas for improvement. However, their evaluations of learning do not always identify clearly enough the areas that the school needs to focus on.

Governors and leaders monitor pupil attendance carefully and staff work closely with families providing additional support and advice when needed. Overall, the school has a generally suitable approach to health and safety and safeguarding its pupils.



Recommendations

- R1 Address the health and safety concerns identified during the week of inspection
- R2 Refine self-evaluation processes to ensure that school development planning and grant planning targets are well focused
- R3 Improve provision to support pupils' application of their numeracy skills across the curriculum and in real-life situations

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 its work in improving the quality pupils' writing skills, for dissemination on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol y Waun
Local authority	Wrexham County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Non-denominational
Number of pupils on roll	330
Pupils of statutory school age	247
Number in nursery classes	39
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%)	22.4%
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%)	4.9%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	4.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/04/2016
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	03/02/2014
Start date of inspection	05/12/2022

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