



Report summary for parents and carers on Beaufort Hill Primary School

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

Overview

Beaufort Primary School is a happy and nurturing school that supports pupils and their families well. Nearly all pupils enjoy and value being part of the school and they speak appreciatively of the opportunities they have to learn and play. Nearly all pupils engage well with their learning and their behaviour is exemplary. Most pupils make good progress across the curriculum.

The headteacher and governors have a clear vision for education, and they work well with a range of partners to ensure that the curriculum is broad, balanced and relevant to the pupils and the community. Teaching staff monitor the progress of pupils carefully and provide a wide range of exciting and varied learning experiences. Although teachers generally use assessment effectively to plan learning, they do not always identify or share clear next steps for learning for all pupils in their feedback.

Teachers work effectively in partnership with local schools to ensure that the school's curriculum is relevant for its pupils and allows for clear progression of skills. They ensure that learning experiences are exciting and varied. However, pupils do not have enough opportunities to apply their numeracy and digital skills across the curriculum at a suitably high level of challenge.

Generally, vulnerable pupils and pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) make good progress through the wide range of learning and support interventions on offer. Support staff work in close partnership with teachers to ensure that both academic and emotional and social needs are met.

The school's approach to developing health and well-being is a strength. Staff know pupils and their families well. They ensure, through effective communication, that any issues arising are addressed quickly and that relationships are mutually beneficial.

Recommendations

- R1 Improve teachers' marking and feedback across the school to ensure that pupils have a clear understanding of their next steps in learning
- R2 Strengthen opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy and digital skills across the curriculum

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Beaufort Hill Primary School
Local authority	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	239
Pupils of statutory school age	173
Number in nursery classes	37
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%)	17.4%
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%)	12.1%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2004
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	07/07/2015
Start date of inspection	23/10/2023

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