



Report summary for parents and carers on Ynysddu Primary School

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

Overview

Ynysddu Primary School is federated with Cwmfelinfach Primary School. The headteacher works across both sites and is supported by a deputy headteacher at the Ynysddu site and deputy headteacher at the Cwmfelinfach site . Although the schools are part of one federation, they take pride in the fact that they have their own unique identity and community.

With the enthusiastic support of the staff, the headteacher has created a clear vision based on ensuring that pupils have every opportunity to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment. They know their pupils well and strive to ensure that all pupils feel safe and know where to turn if they have a problem. All staff across the federation work together purposefully to provide a curriculum that meets the needs of most learners. Teachers provide learning experiences that support pupils to make strong progress in their literacy, numeracy, and digital skills. However, staff across the federation do not provide pupils with enough opportunities to develop their Welsh oracy skills in authentic contexts.

Most pupils, including those in the Specialist Resource Base (SRB), make very good progress in the school's warm and caring environment. Across the school, they behave exceptionally well, treating each other, staff, and visitors with the upmost respect. Pupils enjoy the wide range of stimulating and engaging learning experiences that are provided for them. They work effectively in the learning areas and contribute maturely to class discussions. Most pupils concentrate well and engage conscientiously when responding to challenges independently in their work. They use the comments given by staff purposefully when drafting and editing their work, effectively improving the quality of the written work. As a result, many pupils' writing skills develop successfully during their time at the school.

Recommendations

R1 Provide pupils with opportunities to develop their Welsh oracy skills in authentic contexts

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 developing pupils' independent learning skills highly effectively, especially as confident writers, for dissemination on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ynysddu Primary School
Local authority	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	123
Pupils of statutory school age	93
Number in nursery classes	18
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 23.7%)	19.0%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/04/2013
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	06/07/2015
Start date of inspection	27/11/2023

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