



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Maes Y Mynydd

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

Overview

The headteacher, leaders and staff form an effective team. They share a common purpose to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school and to support pupil well-being. Staff understand and meet the needs of pupils, families and the local community well. The school's arrangements to support pupils eligible for free school meals and those from low-income households are strong. The role of well-being manager is particularly effective in creating positive, supportive working relationships with families.

In nearly all cases, pupils have positive attitudes to their learning, take part enthusiastically in lessons and activities, and collaborate well with each other. Overall, they make good progress in the development of their social, literacy, numeracy and other skills. This is because teachers plan engaging and interesting lessons and activities. However, in a few cases, adults lead pupils' learning too much and this can limit the development of pupils' independent learning skills. The school has begun to develop plans to ensure more carefully that pupils build their skills progressively during lessons and as they move from one year group to the next, but these are still at an early stage of development. Pupils enjoy coming to school and usually arrive well motivated and enthusiastic about learning. Despite this, overall rates of attendance remain a concern.

Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that the curriculum develops pupils' skills systematically and progressively
- R2 Provide pupils with meaningful opportunities to learn independently, particularly from Year 4 to Year 6
- R3 Continue to improve attendance

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Maes Y Mynydd
Local authority	Wrexham County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	296
Pupils of statutory school age	213
Number in nursery classes	49
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%)	37.7%
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%)	2.3%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	9.4%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2023
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/06/2015
Start date of inspection	13/11/2023

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