



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Bro Cynllaith

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

Overview

Leaders at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith work well with all partners and the local community to share their vision to provide a happy, caring, and inclusive school. The headteacher leads with compassion and knows the pupils, staff, and families well. There is a strong team ethos within the school, ensuring that pupils have interesting learning experiences.

Most pupils make strong progress in their development of oracy and reading skills in English and Welsh. Staff promote the Welsh language and culture consistently across the school. Pupils' numeracy and digital skills progress effectively. However, a minority of pupils do not develop their writing skills progressively enough as they move through the school.

Teachers create an effective learning environment and provide interesting lessons that capture pupils' imagination well. In general, teachers do not always ensure that all pupils are challenged fully and given opportunities to develop their independent learning skills in and outside of the classroom.

All staff have effective working relationship with pupils which nurtures their well-being successfully. This fosters a supportive and inclusive environment, which contributes well to pupils' enjoyment of learning. Staff have a sound understanding of the needs of nearly all pupils and adapt provision effectively to support pupils to make progress in skills. Provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) is effective and responds well to their needs. Pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning are positive, and they feel proud of their school and its community.

On the whole, leaders are secure about the strengths and areas for improvement of the school. However, they do not have a clear focus on pupil progress as part of the monitoring and evaluating process.

Recommendations

- R1 Address the safeguarding issue that was raised during the inspection
- R2 Strengthen procedures to monitor and track pupil progress to evaluate more effectively the standards they achieve
- R3 Improve the standards of pupils' writing across the school
- R4 Provide appropriate challenge and regular opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations. Estyn will work with the local authority to review the school's progress. This is the lightest touch of follow-up, as it is not statutory.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
Local authority	Powys County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	27
Pupils of statutory school age	22
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%)	10.8%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/06/2015
Start date of inspection	04/12/2023

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