



## Report summary for parents and carers on Cyfarthfa Park Primary School

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

# Summary

Cyfarthfa Park Primary School is a happy, caring school where leaders and staff work exceptionally well together and place pupil well-being at the heart of their work. The headteacher, governors and senior leaders work with dedication and passion to forge a strong partnership with pupils and parents, creating an environment where all are valued and welcome.

Staff are thoughtful professionals who take every opportunity to improve their teaching and as a result, most lessons are engaging and support pupils' learning effectively. Teachers use a range of worthwhile strategies to understand and support pupils' learning and a particular strength of the school is the provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN). As a result, nearly all pupils across the school make strong progress in most areas of their learning.

The school is developing a broad and engaging curriculum, which ensures that pupils learn about their local area and the history of Wales. Opportunities for pupils to understand diversity in modern-day Wales are at an earlier stage of development. The school plans well to develop pupils' language and communication skills, and this helps pupils to think carefully about their work, share their ideas and listen carefully to others. A beneficial reading culture and purposeful opportunities for writing contribute positively to pupils' progress.

Most pupils develop as confident mathematicians and teachers provide purposeful opportunities for pupils to develop their numeracy skills and use them across the curriculum. Planning for a wider range of mathematical skills, such as handling data or shape and space, is sometimes less well developed. Staff and leaders are working well to make improvements to this aspect of learning.

Leaders and governors know their school well and work diligently to ensure that the school continues to improve. They make the best use of the school's resources, for example by ensuring that the learning environment for younger pupils is vibrant and engaging and not limited by the school site.

# Recommendations and next steps

We have made one recommendation to help the school continue to improve:

**R1 Further refine the curriculum to strengthen opportunities for pupils to apply their wider maths skills and learn about the diverse nature of Wales**

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

If you would like to read more about Estyn's evaluation of the school, please follow this link to the [full report](#).



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