



Report summary for parents and carers on Penygarn Primary School

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

Overview

Penygarn Primary School is a caring community where pupils feel safe, happy and make effective progress. Most pupils forge positive relationships with their peers and staff alike and demonstrate respect for each other. They enjoy coming to school and are enthusiastic about their learning. Pupils know that staff expect them to behave well and to be considerate to everyone in the school and the community.

The school places a strong emphasis on supporting the well-being of all. There are strong relationships with parents and families and the school provides an effective range of support in collaboration with outside agencies. Provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) is highly beneficial. There is a strong culture of safeguarding across the school.

The headteacher is effective in her role and provides strong and caring leadership. She knows the school well. She is supported well by the senior leaders and most staff. The team works purposefully alongside the governing body to secure improvements for the school. Together, they understand the school's strengths and identify accurately most of the areas for development. However, some important areas for improvement are not prioritised, such as the need to address inconsistencies in the quality of teaching.

Staff offer pupils a variety of relevant learning experiences, which help to keep pupils interested in their learning. As a result, many pupils, including those with ALN, engage well with their learning, make good progress and achieve well. The school's curriculum takes account of pupils' interests. Teaching assistants and many teachers are skilful and support pupils to develop a range of skills well.

Recommendations

- R1 Address inconsistencies in the quality of teaching
- R2 Sharpen self-evaluation so that improvement focuses on pupils

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Penygarn Primary School
Local authority	Torfaen County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	419
Pupils of statutory school age	318
Number in nursery classes	51
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%)	51.8%
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 13.2%)	14.2%
Date of headteacher appointment	25/04/2022
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/12/2015
Start date of inspection	29/01/2024

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