



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Gymunedol Peniel

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

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Overview

Ensuring the well-being, care and happiness of all pupils is an integral part of the school's ethos. The school places a firm emphasis on maintaining a familial, caring, stimulating and community learning environment where pupils can develop to the best of their ability in all aspects of their work. As a result, nearly all pupils are happy at school and take pride in being part of its community. They behave excellently and treat others with a high level of respect. Most develop as confident learners and aim to achieve high standards, showing enjoyment and pride in their learning. Nearly all make sound progress from their starting points.

The headteacher is an energetic leader who has a clear vision for the school and who drives improvement continuously. All staff work together excellently as a team and implement the principles of the school's motto, namely 'Un tîm, un teulu – llwyddo gyda'n gilydd' ('One team, one family – succeeding together'), successfully. They provide a broad, balanced and rich curriculum for pupils, which is based on thematic work and challenges them to make the best possible progress at all times. Governors, parents and members of the local community support the school's work effectively.

All staff have high expectations of themselves and pupils and develop pupils' literacy, numeracy and digital skills successfully. Their methods to develop pupils' extended spoken language are highly effective and promote their understanding and use of mutations and verbs successfully. Similarly, their methods for promoting pupils' reading skills are also highly effective and contribute positively to their motivation, progress and enjoyment of reading. This leads to high standards of oracy and reading which soon improve the quality of pupils' writing.

Recommendations

R1 The school should continue on its improvement journey. There are no specific recommendations arising from this inspection.

What happens next

Estyn will invite the school to prepare case studies on its work in relation to:

- Planning for improvement to ensure the best experiences for its pupils
- Provision to improve its pupils' spoken Welsh skills

to be disseminated on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Gymunedol Peniel
Local authority	Carmarthenshire County Council
Language of the provider	Welsh
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	124
Pupils of statutory school age	110
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	0
Percentage of statutory school age pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average <i>(The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in the primary sector is 23.7%)</i>	2.5%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) <i>(The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 13.2%)</i>	5.6%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	62%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	1
Date of headteacher appointment	01/01/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/06/2015
Start date of inspection	05/02/2024

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