



Report summary for parents and carers on Coastlands County Primary

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

Summary

Coastlands County Primary School is a welcoming and inclusive school where most pupils make strong progress. The recently appointed headteacher has developed a dedicated team of staff that promotes a positive and nurturing learning environment. Leaders have built strong relationships with pupils and parents, which in turn creates a strong sense of community within the school.

Leaders and staff work hard to create a broad, engaging curriculum and use partnerships with other local schools and the community to enrich learning effectively and support professional learning for staff. Teachers draw on their local community well and plan engaging and exciting activities. However, teachers do not use a variety of assessment information consistently enough to offer appropriate levels of challenge that address the needs of all pupils effectively.

Most pupils develop good literacy and numeracy skills, on the whole. In general, teachers do not provide enough opportunities for pupils to extend and develop their writing and numeracy skills across the curriculum, for example in real-world contexts. Pupils confidently use their digital skills well in a range of contexts as they move through the school. Creativity is a strong feature of the school. Younger pupils solve problems through hands-on activities, while older pupils compose and perform music inspired by renowned composers. The school embraces its Welsh language and culture, with pupils gaining confidence in speaking Welsh and using extended vocabulary.

Leaders and governors work effectively to support improvement, using professional learning and partnerships to enhance teaching. Governors are beginning to support monitoring processes suitably. Currently, pupil registration processes do not meet statutory requirements.

Recommendations and next steps

We have made three recommendations to help the school continue to improve:

- R1 Further enhance the quality and consistency of teaching to ensure that all pupils are challenged appropriately to meet their needs
- R2 Ensure that pupils have suitable opportunities to use and apply their writing and numeracy skills purposefully across the curriculum
- R3 Ensure that processes for pupil registration meet statutory requirements

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