



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Maes Y Llan

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

Summary

Ysgol Maes Y Llan focuses on the well-being of its pupils, creating a compassionate and inclusive environment where they feel valued and safe. The school is a calm and happy community with mutual respect between staff and students. Most pupils enjoy attending regularly and are proud of their school. The senior leaders and staff have developed the learning environment creatively, in a way that encourages pupils to explore and develop their skills indoors and outdoors.

The school supports most pupils, including those with socio-economic disadvantages and additional learning needs, to make suitable progress. Young pupils settle well and adapt to routines, benefiting from purposeful opportunities that enhance exploration, problem-solving, and language skills. They develop good phonic skills, and gain confidence in reading and writing. The curriculum is being aligned with Curriculum for Wales and focuses on developing pupils' knowledge and skills through meaningful topics. Teachers engage well in professional learning and collaboration with other schools.

Teachers provide purposeful opportunities for applying literacy skills across subjects, preparing pupils for real-life situations. However, opportunities for pupils to use their digital skills and numeracy skills are limited. Staff encourage pupils to behave well and stay engaged in lessons, although teaching is sometimes over-directed and limits independent learning. Across the school, pupils' use of the Welsh language is inconsistent, with older pupils lacking confidence when using basic sentences and phrases.

The curriculum supports pupils' spiritual, moral, and cultural understanding and emphasises healthy relationships and safety. Pupils learn about Wales and engage in community events. The school values pupils' opinions, with leadership groups contributing to school improvements, like running an outdoor library.

Partnerships with families are growing and the school provides parents with a welcoming space to engage in their children's learning.

Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Offer appropriate challenge and opportunities for all pupils to develop and apply their skills independently**
- R2 Plan opportunities for pupils to develop their digital skills progressively and to apply their digital and numeracy skills across the curriculum**
- R3 Improve the teaching of Welsh across the school to enable pupils to develop their skills progressively**

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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