



Report summary for parents and carers on Trelawnyd V.A. School

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

Overview

Trelawnyd Church in Wales School is a happy, caring and inclusive school where pupils work and play together confidently. Staff have worked hard to create a calm and nurturing ethos, which contributes to effective learning. Pupils say that they feel safe, secure, and happy in school. They form strong relationships with adults and one another and show respect and courtesy for all members of the school community. This leads to strong engagement in the life of the school and in their own learning. As a result, most pupils make good progress as they move through the school and achieve well.

Nearly all have positive attitudes to school, behave well and enjoy their learning. This is because their teachers plan interesting activities for them, which makes learning exciting and fun. Classrooms and outdoor spaces are productive, active learning environments where pupils enjoy plenty of opportunities to work collaboratively in pairs and small groups. Teachers listen carefully to what pupils want to learn and weave their ideas into well-planned sequences of lessons that build systematically on pupils' knowledge and understanding. They provide pupils with purposeful opportunities to practise their literacy and digital skills well through rich tasks and learning experiences. However, the provision to develop pupils' numeracy skills across the curriculum is less well developed. In addition, pupils' ability to recognise what they are doing well and what they need to do to improve their work is limited.

The headteacher and governors provide efficient and supportive leadership. Staff work well together and as a team they share responsibilities sensibly. The school is good at identifying the areas of its work that are most effective and those aspects that need to be improved. This enables leaders to set clear ambitions for the direction of the school.

Recommendations

- R1 Provide opportunities for pupils to make decisions about how they organise and present their work and to decide for themselves how they respond to learning tasks
- R2 Ensure that the quality of teachers' feedback targets the next steps in pupils' learning effectively
- R3 Improve provision to support pupils' application of their numeracy skills across the curriculum and in real-life situations

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations.



School context

Name of provider	Trelawnyd V.A. School
Local authority	Flintshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Church in Wales Voluntary Aided
Number of pupils on roll	84
Pupils of statutory school age	77
Number in nursery classes	7
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 23.0%)	12.9%
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 16.1%)	3.5%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	4.8%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2018
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	12/01/2015
Start date of inspection	09/05/2023

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