



## Report summary for parents and carers on Crymlyn Primary School

**Date of inspection: March 2024**

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

# Overview

Crymlyn Primary School is a friendly and caring school that supports its pupils and families to feel welcome and valued. Because of this, nearly all pupils enjoy their time in the school and show a sense of pride in the contribution they make within school and in the wider community. Nearly all pupils behave well and show good focus in lessons. As a result, most pupils make appropriate progress from their starting points.

Although the school is beginning to develop its curriculum to reflect the principles of Curriculum for Wales, the school's curriculum does not offer opportunities for pupils to develop and use their skills, in particular writing, in a cohesive and progressive manner. The development of a broad and balanced curriculum to meet all pupils' needs is at an early stage.

The school provides strong support for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN). Staff meet pupils' social and emotional needs well. They deal with pupils' concerns thoughtfully, appropriately and in a timely manner.

The headteacher provides strong and caring leadership and knows the school well. All staff form an effective, successful team. The team works purposefully alongside a supportive governing body to secure improvements for the school. Together, they understand the school's strengths and areas for development. However, the governing body's strategic role needs to be strengthened.

# Recommendations

- R1 Develop the school curriculum to include relevant and authentic learning experiences that meet the needs of learners
- R2 Provide opportunities for all pupils to develop and apply their writing skills fully
- R3 Strengthen the strategic role of the governing body

## What happens next

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



## School context

Name of provider	Crymlyn Primary School
Local authority	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	None
Number of pupils on roll	114
Pupils of statutory school age	80
Number in nursery classes	17
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%)	21.9%
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 13.2%)	10.0%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	6.3%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	6.3%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2022
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	07/03/2016
Start date of inspection	11/03/2024

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