



Report summary for parents and carers on All Saints R.C. Primary School

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

Overview

The staff at All Saints Roman Catholic Primary School create a warm, friendly and inclusive environment with the pupils' well-being at its heart. Nearly all pupils are happy and enjoy coming to school. They show respect to all staff and visitors and show concern for each other. Pupils' behaviour across the school is very good.

Most pupils have positive attitudes to their learning and when given the opportunity, contribute well to what and how they learn.

Teachers are beginning to develop a curriculum in line with the principles of Curriculum for `Wales and engage pupils well in their learning. However, teachers' expectations of what pupils can achieve are often too low and over-direction from adults impacts on pupils' ability to develop as independent learners. Although staff praise pupils for their achievements, written feedback does not help pupils improve their work well enough.

From low starting points, many pupils develop their speaking and listening skills effectively. They have a sound understanding of number and they are beginning to apply their numeracy and digital skills to other areas of learning. However, pupils' ability to write at length is less well developed.

Overall, the headteacher, staff and governors have a good understanding of many of the school's strengths and areas for development. However, their ability to identify the most important area for improvement, such as the quality of the curriculum, is not effective enough.

Recommendations

- R1 Strengthen self-evaluation and planning for improvement procedures in order to address the most important areas for improvement
- R2 Ensure that the curriculum builds systematically and coherently and allows pupils to make choices in how and what they learn in order to develop their skills as independent learners
- R3 Ensure that teaching consistently provides appropriate challenge and feedback from staff helps pupils improve their work

What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations. Estyn will work with the local authority to review the school's progress. This is the lightest touch of follow-up, as it is not statutory.



School context

Name of provider	All Saints R.C. Primary School
Local authority	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Roman Catholic
Number of pupils on roll	216
Pupils of statutory school age	178
Number in nursery classes	38
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%)	44.2%
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%)	17.6%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	3.8%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2021
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	14/03/2016
Start date of inspection	29/04/2024

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