



Report summary for parents and carers on Hawarden Village Voluntary Aided CiW Primary School

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

Summary

The school's support for pupils' well-being is a strength, and as a result all pupils feel safe and respected. Staff have strong positive relationships with pupils and provide effective support for them to build on their learning. The behaviour of all pupils is excellent and they attend school regularly.

Leaders and staff have developed a strong culture of reading and provide structured support to develop pupils' mathematical skills. As a result, most pupils, including those with additional learning needs, make strong progress in their mathematical and literacy skills. Provision to develop pupils' digital skills and their numeracy skills across the curriculum is underdeveloped. The school's curriculum takes account of the history of the local area and reflects the Curriculum for Wales successfully.

Teachers plan a range of engaging learning experiences for pupils to develop their skills across the curriculum and they monitor their progress effectively. Younger pupils enjoy a broad range of activities, which help them develop their independent learning skills appropriately. However, older pupils do not have enough opportunities to lead their own learning. Most pupils take pride in their work and make worthwhile improvements following feedback from their peers and staff.

The headteacher and senior leaders work purposefully with the governing body to secure improvements for the school. They have a good understanding of the quality of teaching and learning and plan strategic actions to bring about improvement. They work collaboratively with parents and range of external agencies to support pupils' needs.

Recommendations and next steps

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

R1 Develop older pupils as effective independent learners

R2 Develop pupils' numeracy skills across the curriculum

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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