



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Maesglas Greenfield

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

Overview

Ysgol Maesglas is an inclusive and caring learning community where all pupils are nurtured and encouraged to prepare for their next steps in life through a family ethos. Pupil behaviour is good, and they show respect towards each other and staff and visitors. The school places a high priority on developing positive relationships between pupils, staff, parents, and the wider community.

The school provides a creative, broad, and balanced curriculum for pupils. Teachers plan a range of rich experiences and interesting activities that reflect the nature and local context of the school. They ensure that activities are suitably paced and provide stimulating learning experiences. However, learning activities do not always respond sufficiently to pupils' needs and challenge them to make the best possible progress. Staff tend to over-direct activities, and this limits opportunities for pupils to develop as independent learners. Most pupils make sound progress from their starting points. They develop their literacy and numeracy skills appropriately by the end of their time at the school. However, pupils' Welsh language skills are underdeveloped.

The headteacher is an effective and firm leader. She has high expectations of herself and others and collaborates well with staff to ensure that all pupils are happy and safe. The headteacher is supported by a team of dedicated and hard-working staff who work together purposefully to meet pupils' needs. Governors support the school with commendable care and passion and have a good understanding of their duties and responsibilities. They provide leaders and staff with robust support and ensure that the school uses its resources appropriately.

Recommendations

- R1 Ensure that teaching provides appropriate challenge for all pupils
- R2 Strengthen opportunities for pupils to make choices about their learning and to work more independently
- R3 Improve pupils use of spoken Welsh

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Maesglas Greenfield
Local authority	Flintshire County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	237
Pupils of statutory school age	185
Number in nursery classes	19
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%)	38.8%
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%)	11.9%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	3.8%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2022
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	07/03/2016
Start date of inspection	29/04/2024

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