



Report summary for parents and carers on Ffaldau Primary School

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

Summary

Ffaldau Primary School is a caring school where the well-being of pupils and their prospects are central to all it does. This is due to the strong, agile and effective leadership provided by the executive headteacher and the unwavering support she receives from the deputy headteacher in her role as head of school.

Leaders have invested time in the staff team and provided beneficial professional development to ensure that they are confident and competent in their roles. Teachers and support staff develop calm and inviting learning environments that encourage pupils to become confident and independent learners. As a result of the consistent approach of staff, the behaviour of pupils is an exemplary feature of the school. In addition, staff use common methods to develop pupils independence, engage pupils in their learning and ensure that they make good progress. Teachers' highly effective questioning and deep knowledge of pupils' needs and interest assist the delivery of a highly engaging curriculum that enables most pupils to make good progress. However, there are limited opportunities for pupils to develop their writing skills and apply them across the curriculum at a suitably challenging level.

The school's additional learning needs (ALN) co-ordinator has worked with staff to develop robust procedures to support pupils with ALN. As a result, they make good progress in lessons and over time. Leaders place a high priority on pupil attendance and work with families to ensure that their children attend school regularly, yet rates of attendance are still too low. Overall, parents value what the school does for their children and the way in which it shares important information with them.

Recommendations and next steps

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

- R1 Improve pupils' ability to write at length across the curriculum and at a suitably challenging level
- R2 Improve pupil attendance

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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