



Report summary for parents and carers on Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd

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

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Overview

Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd is a happy, familial and welcoming school. All staff work together effectively to provide a caring, Welsh and safe ethos where staff and pupils care naturally for each other. Pupils very much enjoy their time at the school. They are happy to attend, behave exceptionally well and develop positive attitudes to learning.

One of the school's most prominent qualities is the tireless support provided to pupils to develop their Welsh language skills. The school has a strong Welsh ethos with a clear emphasis on providing a range of valuable experiences that promote pupils' awareness of their local area and the history and traditions of Wales. This deepens their pride in their school and the wider community and creates a strong sense of belonging.

Teachers work together to plan a rich, broad and balanced curriculum of learning experiences. They give good consideration to pupils' ideas when planning the curriculum, which helps to ensure that most pupils show strong motivation and a curious interest in their learning. This enables them to develop the skills they need to access the whole curriculum and make sound progress from their starting points.

An excellent feature of the school is the way in which the staff and pupils develop outdoor learning activities that focus on ensuring stimulating and creative experiences, particularly for the oldest pupils in the forest school. However, teachers do not always provide learning activities that ensure that all pupils are challenged appropriately when learning and to make choices about their own learning.

The school is led effectively. Leaders identify aspects of the school's work that are in need of improvement and the steps needed to make this a reality. Dedicated staff, who work well together as a team, show a strong commitment to promoting continuous and sustainable improvements. Governors have a good understanding of the school's work and support the school effectively.

Recommendations

- R1 Strengthen opportunities for pupils to make choices about their learning and to work more independently
- R2 Ensure that teaching provides an appropriate challenge for all pupils and that feedback helps them to improve their learning further

What happens next

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

Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to developing outdoor activities that focus on ensuring stimulating and creative experiences, particularly for older pupils in the forest school, to be disseminated on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd
Local authority	Denbighshire County Council
Language of the provider	Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd is a bilingual school that delivers lessons through the medium of Welsh in the foundation classes. At the end of the phase, pupils can choose to continue their education either through the medium of Welsh or English. Welsh is the day-to-day language of the school.
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Church in Wales Controlled School
Number of pupils on roll	112
Pupils of statutory school age	87
Number in nursery classes (if applicable)	11
Percentage of statutory school age pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average <i>(The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in the primary sector is 23.7%)</i>	5.4%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) <i>(The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in the primary sector is 13.2%)</i>	6.9%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils who speak Welsh at home	39.1%
Percentage of statutory school age pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2023 (Acting) 01/01/2024 (Permanent)
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	December 2015
Start date of inspection	05/02/2024

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