



Report summary for parents and carers on Llanfechain C.I.W. School

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

Overview

Llanfechain Church in Wales School is a happy, supportive and aspirational learning community. Pupils are proud of their school and appreciate the care and nurture that they receive. They are well behaved, polite, engaging and articulate. There is a strong culture of safeguarding at the school, which helps pupils to feel safe and to enjoy their learning experiences.

The school provides an interesting and balanced curriculum that reflects pupils' needs, the school's values and the local context well. Over time, most pupils make good progress in developing their literacy and digital skills. The provision for developing pupils' numeracy skills is strong. They make strong progress and apply their skills effectively across the curriculum and in a range of contexts.

Teachers employ a range of suitable teaching strategies. They underpin learning activities with a clear purpose and ensure that they proceed at a good pace. Staff have a good working relationship with pupils and are effective language role models. They have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and support pupils well. Teachers provide pupils with regular feedback on their work. However, this does not always focus well enough on important areas for improvement or provide pupils with meaningful opportunities to respond and make improvements.

The headteacher is a passionate and caring leader. She has high expectations of herself and works diligently to ensure that all pupils achieve their potential. She is supported well by a small but conscientious team of staff who strive to achieve the very best that they can for the pupils and the school community as a whole. Governors provide strong support for the headteacher and staff and ensure that the school makes effective use of its resources. They have a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities and have a suitable awareness of the school's strengths and areas for improvement.

Recommendations

R1 Ensure that teachers' feedback is timely and provides meaningful opportunities for pupils to respond and improve their work

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	Llanfechain C.I.W. School
Local authority	Powys County Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Church in Wales
Number of pupils on roll	34
Pupils of statutory school age	33
Number in nursery classes	0
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%)	10.0%
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%)	21.2%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	0.0%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2022
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/05/2016
Start date of inspection	01/07/2024

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