



Report summary for parents and carers on Rhiwbeina Primary School

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

Overview

Rhiwbeina Primary School is a vibrant school where staff encourage all pupils to achieve the best they can. As a result of this and effective teaching, nearly all pupils make strong progress from their individual starting points.

Teachers plan an exciting curriculum, which takes good account of the views of pupils and makes worthwhile use of the local community. They provide a beneficial range of stimulating activities which ensure that pupils fully engage in their learning. The school's use of drama and other creative approaches are noteworthy and effective. These help to bring history and other curriculum areas alive for pupils and support them to empathise with others whilst improving their communication and social skills. As a result, standards of literacy across the school are high.

The school provides beneficial opportunities for pupils to learn about Welsh heritage and culture and to gain an understanding of equality and diversity. However, provision for improving pupils' Welsh language skills does not focus sufficiently on developing pupils' Welsh speaking skills and, as a result, most pupils make limited progress in this area.

Leaders ensure that the school meets the requirements of national reform such as the development of the curriculum and changes to additional learning needs (ALN) provision. The headteacher carefully monitors pupil progress and teaching across the school and works with governors to ensure that safeguarding arrangements are appropriate. However, processes for self-evaluation and school improvement do not sufficiently involve all stakeholders to ensure that they play a positive role in influencing and shaping school development.

Across the school, teaching is generally strong. Teachers and support staff receive appropriate professional development to support them with their work. However, the school provides limited opportunities for staff to collaborate and share best practice.

Governors work closely with the headteacher to monitor and manage the school's budget effectively. They have a clear understanding of spending plans and support the headteacher to secure appropriate resources for teaching and learning. to improve.

Recommendations

- R1 Improve strategic planning to involve all stakeholders and further improve the quality of teaching and learning
- R2 Improve professional learning to ensure that all staff have opportunity to collaborate and share best practice
- R3 Improve pupils' spoken Welsh

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 how the school uses creative approaches such as drama to improve pupils' learning, for dissemination on Estyn's website.



School context

Name of provider	Rhiwbeina Primary School
Local authority	Cardiff Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Number of pupils on roll	683
Pupils of statutory school age	537
Number in nursery classes	79
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 23.0%)	2.1%
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 16.1%)	2.8%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	1.1%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/1987
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	04/05/2015
Start date of inspection	25/09/2023

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