



Ysgol Fabanod Cwmaber Infants School



Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to send you a small summary from our recent Estyn Inspection in June 2017.

We are all extremely proud of this report which sums up the outstanding work at Cwmaber Infants School. The report clearly shows the standard of education provided at our school. I would like to thank all staff, parents / carers, pupils and governors for their hard work and support in achieving these fantastic results.

The current performance of the school is good because:

- ⊗ During their time at the school, most pupils make **strong progress**.
- ⊗ Pupils with additional learning needs make **very good progress**, particularly in developing their Oracy skills.
- ⊗ There is a purposeful working atmosphere in **all** classes and nearly all pupils behave **extremely well**.
- ⊗ Many pupils have a positive impact on the quality of school life and they take responsibility for improving the school **seriously**.
- ⊗ The curriculum is broad and balanced and covers **all** areas of learning suitably.
- ⊗ Teachers plan effectively to develop pupils' literacy and numeracy skills through well thought out adult-led tasks.
- ⊗ The school plans a **very good range** of purposeful intervention programmes for pupils who need extra help with their learning and, as a result, pupils make **strong progress** in acquiring basic skills.
- ⊗ The quality of teaching across the school is **good**.
- ⊗ The quality of care, support and guidance is a **significant strength** and contributes well to **high** standards of pupils' wellbeing.
- ⊗ The school is a **caring, vibrant and welcoming community** where all pupils and staff are **valued equally**.

Other Key Points to note in the report that prove our school is good and excellent are:

- ⊗ Pupils' **wellbeing is exceptionally strong**. Nearly all pupils feel safe and happy in school and know whom to go to if they have any concerns or worries.
- ⊗ Pupils are **polite and courteous** and relate well to adults and their peers.
- ⊗ Many pupils have a **positive** impact on the quality of school life. Pupils take **responsibility** for improving the school seriously.
- ⊗ Most pupils have a good understanding about why it is important to attend school and to be punctual.
- ⊗ There is a **well-resourced** library and ICT suite.
- ⊗ The school buildings and external environment are **exceptionally clean** and in **very good** order.



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CARE, SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE: EXCELLENT

- ⑧ The school is a very inclusive and supportive community. The quality of care, support and guidance is a significant strength and contributes well to high standards of pupils' wellbeing. Staff develop pupils' confidence and self-esteem extremely well.
- ⑧ There are very effective arrangements to support pupils' health and wellbeing.
- ⑧ School staff organise a range of games and activities with pupils at lunchtimes, such as basketball, and encourage pupils to keep fit.
- ⑧ The school promotes pupils' social, moral, cultural and spiritual development very successfully.
- ⑧ There is a focus on the school's values through collective worship and all staff reflect these in the daily life of the school. This leads to a very happy school atmosphere where nearly all pupils are aware of the importance of treating each other with respect and tolerance.
- ⑧ Community links are well developed and offer pupils beneficial opportunities to enrich their cultural development.

LEADERSHIP: EXCELLENT

- ⑧ The headteacher promotes an extremely caring, inclusive community with a shared sense of purpose. She has a clear focus on improving pupils' wellbeing and raising standards and shares this very successfully with all members of the school community.
- ⑧ Everyone involved with the school is encouraged to learn, care and share together; this ethos underpins everything that the school does.
- ⑧ There is a strong collaborative ethos across the school, which has a positive impact on outcomes for pupils.
- ⑧ Senior leaders lead by example and have high expectations of all staff and pupils and they actively support and challenge everyone to do their best.
- ⑧ There is a clear focus on addressing local and national priorities to improve standards in literacy, numeracy and wellbeing.
- ⑧ The governors undertake their roles rigorously. They have a very keen interest in the day-to-day life of the school and play an active part in bringing about improvements.
- ⑧ The headteacher, business manager and governors monitor spending rigorously and have a clear long-term financial plan for the school.

The inspection report is available on the Estyn website and from the school upon request. Both the inspection and this summary are important in summing up the education that your child receives at Cwmaber Infants School. I trust you are as delighted with it as we are.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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