



Report summary for parents and carers on St Illtyd's Catholic Primary School

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

Overview

Pupils at St Illtyd's Roman Catholic Primary School thoroughly enjoy coming to school and have a deep sense of belonging. 'With God's love, we play, learn and grow together' clearly reflects the aims of the school and underpins its Christian values. Nearly all pupils and staff feel safe and valued.

The headteacher has developed effective and confident staff. Her robust leadership and conscientious team have the pupils' well-being at the forefront of all that they do. The staff have created a happy and homely environment in which all pupils thrive. Most pupils feel cared for, supported, and, as a result, have positive attitudes to their learning.

Nearly all pupils' behaviour across the school is excellent. They are considerate and show respect to their friends and staff. All pupils are especially courteous to visitors. There is a strong culture of inclusion and diversity across the school, where pupils are given equal opportunity to be involved in all aspects of school life.

Most pupils make strong progress in developing their literacy, numeracy and digital skills and apply them well in other areas of learning. Often, from low starting points, pupils develop strong oracy skills in English. However, although the pupils enjoy learning Welsh, they do not always make enough progress in developing their Welsh language skills.

The school is developing a purposeful curriculum for its pupils. Staff provide pupils with interesting opportunities to build on their knowledge and to strengthen their understanding of their 'cynefin'. Most teachers plan interesting lessons to engage most pupils. However, there are few opportunities for pupils to contribute to their own learning and to develop skills to work independently. Opportunities for younger pupils to develop their curiosity and creativity in class and in the outdoor environment are underdeveloped.

Recommendations

- R1 Improve pupils' Welsh speaking skills
- R2 Ensure that learning experiences enable all pupils to improve their creativity and problem-solving skills and to develop as independent learners

What happens next

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



School context

Name of provider	St Illtyd's R.C. Primary School
Local authority	City and County of Swansea
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Roman Catholic
Number of pupils on roll	205
Pupils of statutory school age	153
Number in nursery classes	29
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%)	28.8%
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%)	28.1%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	3.9%
Date of headteacher appointment	06/09/2021
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	08/06/2015
Start date of inspection	04/12/2023

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