

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

INFORMATION REPORT TO CABINET

17 DECEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

ESTYN INSPECTION OUTCOMES FOR WEST PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, TYNRYHEOL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CYNFFIG COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

1. Purpose of report

1.1 This report informs Cabinet of the outcomes of the recent Estyn:

- inspection of West Park Primary School;
- revisit of Tynyrheol Primary School; and
- review of progress at Cynffig Comprehensive School.

2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

2.1 The information in this report relates to the following corporate priority in the Corporate Plan:

- Supporting a successful economy.

3. Background

3.1 During autumn term 2019, Estyn inspected one primary school, revisited one primary school and reviewed progress at one secondary school in Bridgend. The full text of these reports is available on the Estyn website: www.estyn.gov.uk

3.2 In September 2019, Estyn inspected West Park Primary School. The report was published on 25 November 2019.

3.3 In October 2017, Estyn inspected Cynffig Comprehensive School and placed the school into a follow-up category. Estyn reviewed progress at the school in November 2019.

3.4 In June 2018, Estyn inspected Tynyrheol Primary School and judged that special measures were required. Estyn revisited the school in November 2019.

4. Current situation

West Park Primary School

4.1 At West Park Primary School, inspectors reached the following judgements:

Inspection Area	Judgement
Standards	Good
Wellbeing and attitudes to learning	Excellent
Teaching and learning experiences	Good
Care, support and guidance	Excellent
Learning and management	Good

4.2 The West Park Primary School report included the following recommendations:

R1 Improve pupils' spelling and handwriting in key stage 2

R2 Extend the governing body's role in gathering first-hand information to support their decisions concerning standards, provision and finance

4.3 West Park Primary School will draw up an action plan to show how it is going to address the recommendations.

4.4 The local authority, with Central South Consortium (CSC) will support the school to address the recommendations.

4.5 Estyn will invite the school to prepare a case study on its work in relation to the contributions of pupil groups, for dissemination on Estyn's website.

Tynyrheol Primary School

4.6 In November 2019, Estyn revisited Tynyrheol Primary School and judged the school to have made sufficient progress since the section 28 inspection.

4.7 The school has been removed from the list of schools requiring special measures.

4.8 There will be no further monitoring visits in relation to this inspection.

Cynffig Comprehensive School

4.9 In November 2019, Estyn reviewed the progress of Cynffig Comprehensive School and judged the school to have made sufficient progress in addressing the recommendations from the section 28 inspection.

4.10 The school has been removed from the list of schools requiring Estyn review.

4.11 There will be no further monitoring activity in relation to this inspection.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 There is no impact on the Council's policy framework or procedure rules.

6. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment

6.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment provides a comprehensive summary of the outcomes expected from the implementation of the service.

Long-term Supports the improvement of standards and outcomes in schools.

- Prevention Development of post-inspection action plans or refinement of school improvement plans helps to ensure that recommendations identified are addressed and acted upon to secure school improvement, preventing standards from slipping.
- Integration Monitoring and acting upon school inspection reports is key to ensuring that outcomes for schools are achieved thus helping to support a successful economy.
- Collaboration The local authority works closely with schools, Estyn and with CSC to deliver the well-being objectives related to school improvement. The local authority receives the school inspection reports from Estyn and this informs the work conducted by CSC to deliver the support for school improvement services.
- Involvement This area of work involves all stakeholders in school improvement. Schools work closely with challenge advisers from CSC to refine their improvement plans or post-inspection action plans and to identify strategic support from the local authority, CSC and elsewhere (as required) reflecting the diversity of stakeholders involved in aspects of school improvement.

7. Financial implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this information report.

8. Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet notes the content of this report.

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Background documents :

Estyn inspection report - West Park Primary School
Estyn outcome letter - Tynyrheol Primary School
Estyn outcome letter - Cynffig Comprehensive School