

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

INFORMATION REPORT TO CABINET

16 FEBRUARY 2016

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TRANSFORMATION

GARTH PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTCOME OF ESTYN MONITORING VISIT

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of the progress against the post inspection action plan drawn up in response to the Estyn inspection of Garth Primary School, undertaken in September 2014, and the measures being taken to help the school improve.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The information in this report relates to the strategic priority 2 in the Corporate Plan 'Working Together to Raise Ambitions and Drive Up Educational Achievement'.

3. Background

- 3.1 Garth Primary School was inspected by Estyn in September 2014 and the report was published in December 2014. The full text of the report is available on the Estyn website: www.estyn.gov.uk

- 3.2 In 2014, Inspectors reached the following judgements:

Current Performance	Adequate
Prospects for Improvement	Good
How good are outcomes?	Adequate
Standards	Adequate
Wellbeing	Adequate
How good is provision?	Good
Learning experiences	Good
Teaching	Good
Care, support and guidance	Good
Learning environment	Adequate
How good are leadership and management?	Good
Leadership	Good
Improving quality	Good
Partnership working	Good
Resource management	Adequate

- 3.3. A Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP) was drawn up to address the recommendations made by Estyn in order to improve services as follows:-

- R1 Raise attainment of boys, particularly in relation to writing in key stage 2
- R2 Raise standards in Welsh in key stage 2
- R3 Improve pupils' ability to use numeracy skills across the curriculum
- R4 Raise levels of attainment for pupils who are eligible for free school meals

R5 Improve attendance

3.4 In a follow-up review in December 2015, Estyn judged the progress made towards each of the recommendations as follows:

R1 Raise attainment of boys, particularly in relation to writing in key stage 2 - **very good progress.**

R2 Raise standards in Welsh in key stage 2 - **very good progress.**

R3 Improve pupils' ability to use numeracy skills across the curriculum - **strong progress**

R4 Raise levels of attainment for pupils who are eligible for free school meals - **very good progress**

R5 Improve attendance - **very good progress**

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 The Central South Consortium (CSC) challenge adviser monitored the progress made by the school each term throughout the academic year during the period the school fell within in the category of Estyn monitoring. The reports which were generated as a result of the monitoring visits were placed on the CSC portal which is a secure web site to which LA officers have access. The local authority provided a brief written report to Estyn on the school's progress twelve months after the school had been placed in Estyn monitoring.

4.2 Estyn conducted a follow-up inspection in December 2015 and the team judged that Garth Primary School should continue to sustain the level of progress it has already made, and continue to address those inspection recommendations where further progress is required.

4.3 The school has been removed from the list of schools requiring Estyn monitoring. There will be no further Estyn monitoring visits 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. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality impact implications arising from this report.

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 note the content of this report and the very good progress made by Garth Primary School which has been recognised by Estyn.

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Background documents

Original Estyn Report:

http://www.estyn.gov.wales/sites/default/files/documents/Inspection%20report%20Garth%20Primary%20School%202014%20%28English%20only%29_0.pdf

Outcome of monitoring visit letter – attached as appendix