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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to you to inform you that a team of Estyn inspectors will be visiting Ysgol Bro Pedr during the week 17 – 21 October. See letter attached from Estyn explaining the inspection process. I would be grateful if you could respond to the on-line questionnaire as well: see instructions at the beginning of the letter from Estyn on how to do this.

Here are some events this term which may be of interest to you. A very warm welcome to everyone:

Thursday, 29 September: 5.30pm – 6pm; meeting to share information regarding the 'Cashless Catering' system (relevant to Secondary pupils only). Hall of the Secondary Campus.

Thursday, 29 September: 6pm – 6.30pm; present the annual Governors to Parents report. Hall of the Secondary Campus.

Thursday, 29 September: 6.30pm onwards; Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Teachers' Association. Secondary Campus.

Thursday, 13 October: 6.30pm onwards; Meeting of the Parents' Forum, Primary Campus.

Monday, 17 October: 5pm – 6pm; Parents/Guardians meeting with Estyn. Hall of the Secondary Campus.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely



Jane Wyn

# Understanding inspections in schools: A guide for parents and carers

Estyn is responsible for inspecting a wide range of education and training provision in Wales, and will soon be inspecting your child's school.

## How do inspectors take account of my views of the school?

Estyn wants to know your views on the school. You can do this by:

- **completing an online questionnaire** by going to <http://vir.estyn.gov.uk>, clicking on 'complete a parent questionnaire' and inputting 07565.
- **attending a meeting with inspectors.** The school will inform you of the date and time.

If you have any difficulties in accessing or completing the questionnaire, hard copies are available from your school or Estyn on request. They should be returned to Estyn either direct using the freepost facility or 'In Confidence' via your school no later than 30/09/2016, see 'How can I contact Estyn?'.

## How will an inspection benefit my child?

An inspection tells you about the standards and quality at your child's school. It gives the school an expert view on its work, outlining what it does well and helps it to improve.

## Who inspects the school?

The inspection team is led by a Reporting Inspector who has considerable experience of teaching and education. Each inspection team also includes a lay inspector and a peer inspector. Lay inspectors have not worked as teachers in a school, whilst peer inspectors are current teachers or managers from another school. Each school may nominate someone to liaise directly with the inspection team to keep the inspectors informed about the school and its work.

## How will the school be inspected?

Inspectors follow Estyn's inspection guidance and use the school's self-evaluation and performance data as their starting-point.

## How will inspectors take account of my child's view of the school?

During the inspection, inspectors will ask groups of children how they feel about the school, their work and how well they are getting on. A sample of learners will complete an online questionnaire before the inspection.

## How will I know the inspectors' views on the school?

Inspection reports are published on the Estyn website 45 working days after the start of the inspection. The governing body will also send you details of the report.

## What will be included within the report?

The report will have overall judgements on:

- the current performance of the school and its prospects for improvement
- the standards achieved by pupils and their wellbeing
- learning experiences, teaching, care, support and guidance, and the learning environment
- leadership, improving quality, partnership working and resource management

Inspectors use a four-point scale when making these judgements:

**Excellent:** many strengths, including significant examples of sector-leading practice

**Good:** many strengths and no important areas requiring significant improvement

**Adequate:** strengths outweigh areas for improvement

**Unsatisfactory:** important areas for improvement outweigh strengths

## What happens after an inspection?

All schools must produce an action plan based on the recommendations in the inspection report.

The inspection team will also consider whether the school requires any follow-up activity. The five types of activity include:

**Excellent practice:** involves Estyn inviting schools to submit a case study

**Local authority monitoring:** involves a report to Estyn from the relevant authority

**Estyn monitoring:** involves reviewing the progress the school has made towards addressing the recommendations highlighted in the report about a year to 18 months after the publication of the inspection report

**Significant improvement:** involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the school about a year to 18 months after the publication of the inspection report.

**Special measures:** involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the school every term following the publication of the inspection report.

## How can I contact Estyn?

**Address:** Freepost ESTYN

**Email:** [ic@estyn.gov.wales](mailto:ic@estyn.gov.wales)

**Tel:** 02920 446446

**Feedback about inspections:**  
[feedback@estyn.gov.wales](mailto:feedback@estyn.gov.wales)



## Enw ysgol eich plentyn:

Holiadur ar  
gyfer rhieni  
a gofaliwyr

A fydddech cystal â threulio ychydig  
funudau i rannu eich barn â ni. Pan  
fyddwch wedi llenw'r holiadur hwn,  
seilwch e'f yn ddiogel a'i ddychwelyd i  
Estyn erbyn y dyddiad y cytunwyd arno.  
Mae eich atebion a'ch sylwadau  
unigol yn rha'i cyfrinachol a dim ond  
y tim arolygu fydd yn eu gweld. Bydd  
arolygwyr Estyn yn cael crynodedb gyda  
chlyfansymiaur holl ymatebion, ynghyd  
ag unrhyw sylwadau a wnaed gennych,  
a byddant yn ystyried y wybodaeth  
hon yn ystod yr arolygiad. Ni fydd y  
crynodedb yn enwi unrhyw un, mewn  
unrhyw ffordd. Bydd y crynodedb, ond  
nid y sylwadau, yn cael ei rannu gyda'r  
ysgol neu'r lleoliad. Mae'n bosibl  
y bydd Estyn hefyd yn defnyddio'r  
crynodedbau o bob ysgol a lleoliad i  
weld beth yn barn rhieni am addysg  
yng Nghymru yn ei chyfarwydd.

## Questionnaire for parents and carers

Please take a few minutes to tell us your views. Once you have completed this questionnaire, seal it securely and return it to Estyn by the agreed date.

Your individual answers and comments are confidential and only the inspection team will see them. Estyn inspectors will receive a summary with totals of all the responses, plus any comments

you have made, and they will consider this information during the inspection. The summary will not identify anyone in any way. The summary, but not the comments, will be shared with the school or setting. Estyn may also use the summaries from all schools and settings to see what parents think about education in Wales as a whole.

Name of your child's school:

Please complete and return this questionnaire to Freepost ESTYN.

Enw'r ysgol / Name of school:

## Cwestiynau / Questions

Ar gyfer pob un o'r datganiadau isod, ticiwch y blwch sy'n adlewyrchu'ch barn orau mewn perthynas a ysgol eich plentyn.  
For each of the statements below, please tick the box which best reflects your views in relation to your child's school.

cytuno'n gryf /  
strongly agree

cytuno / agree

anghytuno /  
disagree

anghytuno'n gryf /  
strongly disagree

ddim yn gwybod /  
don't know

1	Rwy'n fodlon á'r ysgol yn gyffredinol. Overall I am satisfied with the school.					
2	Mae fy mhentyn yn hoffi'r ysgol hon. My child likes this school.					
3	Cafodd fy mhentyn gymorth i ymgartrefu'n dda pan ddechreuodd yn yr ysgol. My child was helped to settle in well when he or she started at the school.					
4	Mae fy mhentyn yn gwneud cynnydd da yn yr ysgol. My child is making good progress at school.					
5	Mae disgyblion yn ymddwyn yn dda yn yr ysgol. Pupils behave well in school.					
6	Mae'r addysgu yn dda. The teaching is good.					
7	Mae'r staff yn disgwyl i fy mhentyn weithio'n galed ac i wneud ei orau. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.					
8	Mae'r gwaith cartref sy'n cael ei roi yn adeiladu'n dda ar yr hyn mae fy mhentyn yn ei ddysgu yn yr ysgol. The homework that is given builds well on what my child learns in school.					
9	Mae'r staff yn trin pob plentyn yn deg a gyda pharch. Staff treat all children fairly and with respect.					
10	Caiff fy mhentyn ei annog i fod yn iach ac i wneud ymarfer corff yn rheolaidd. My child is encouraged to be healthy and to take regular exercise.					
11	Mae fy mhentyn yn ddiogel yn yr ysgol. My child is safe at school.					
12	Mae fy mhentyn yn cael cymorth ychwanegol priodol mewn perthynas ag unrhyw anghenion unigol penodol. My child receives appropriate additional support in relation to any particular individual needs.					
13	Rwy'n cael gwybodaeth gyson am gynnydd fy mhentyn. I am kept well informed about my child's progress.					
14	Rwy'n teimlo'n gysurus ynglŷn â gofyn cwestiwn i'r ysgol, gwneud awgrymiadau neu nodi problem. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or a problem.					
15	Rwy'n deall trefn yr ysgol ar gyfer delio â chwynion. I understand the school's procedure for dealing with complaints.					
16	Mae'r ysgol yn helpu fy mhentyn i ddod yn fwy aeddfed ac i ysgwyddo cyfrifoldeb. The school helps my child to become more mature and take on responsibility.					
17	Mae fy mhentyn wedi'i baratoi'n dda ar gyfer symud ymlaen i'r ysgol nesaf neu goleg neu mewn i gyflogaeth. My child is well prepared for moving on to the next school or college or into employment.					
18	Mae amrywiaeth dda o weithgareddau, gan gynnwys teithiau neu ymweliadau. There is a good range of activities including trips or visits.					
19	Mae'r ysgol yn cael ei rhedeg yn dda. The school is well run.					

A fydddechystal â rhoi unrhyw safbwyntiau neu sylwadau ychwanegol yn y gofod isod:  
Please provide any additional views or comments in the space provided below:

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Llofnodwch / Please sign:

Diolch am roi'ch amser i lenwi'r holiadur hwn. / Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.