



ESTYN Report 2015

We are proud of the recent ESTYN inspection report which states that the current standards within the school are very high. Attention was drawn to pupils' good oracy and reading skills, their numeracy abilities and their use of writing skills across the curriculum. The report also states that the provision for the pupils is very good with exception to extended writing opportunities in Religious Education whilst studying other religions at key stage 2.

Unfortunately last year 6's results shows unfavourably compared to the 11 other schools in our family and as a result, school standards are judged as satisfactory. It was reported that the main reason for this was the fact that we are too strict with moderation and not because of any other reason. As a result they have set 6 recommendations, 4 of which refer to increasing levels, especially higher levels at the end of the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2. These can be resolved easily if we maintain our high expectations and be consistent with other schools at levelling children's work by not being too 'strict.'

Recommendation number 3, which is to ensure that teaching is consistently good at key stage 2, has already been achieved as we have employed a permanent teacher in Hafod class (years 3 and 4). This therefore leaves one recommendation which is, "to develop the strategic role of the new senior leadership team focusing on establishing robust arrangements for monitoring the provision of Religious Education at key stage 2." The school will respond appropriately during the next term to develop this.

The report mentions a number of other strengths of the school, mainly attendance, the provision of physical education and information and communications technology. The welfare of the pupils as well as children's learning experiences are also good.

If you wish to read the report [click here](#) or feel free to go directly to ESTYN's website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, whether you are a parent, relative, friend or a school governor, for your endless support and dedication. Peniel School would not be able to achieve or maintain these high standards without your commitment. We look forward to continuing this strong relationship for the benefit of all our pupils.