

**RE-INSPECTION  
OF  
RECTOR DREW V.A. JUNIOR SCHOOL  
CROSS TREE LANE  
HAWARDEN  
FLINTSHIRE  
CH5 3PY**

**SCHOOL NUMBER: 664 3317**

**DATE OF INSPECTION: 4 – 5 FEBRUARY 2009**

Rector Drew Voluntary Aided Junior School was inspected in November 2007 and judged as requiring significant improvement. As part of the Welsh Assembly Government's requirements for schools requiring significant improvement, Estyn undertook a follow-up inspection in February 2009 focusing on the key issues identified in the section 28 inspection.

**Outcome of the re-inspection**

Rector Drew Voluntary Aided Junior School is judged to have made good progress in relation to the recommendations for improvement identified in the Section 28 inspection in November 2007. As a result of this progress Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales is removing the school from the list of schools requiring significant improvement.

**Progress since the last inspection**

The school has made progress in:

- raising pupils' standards of achievement in Welsh second language, English, mathematics, design technology and art. Since the last inspection there has been significant progress in all these subjects. Overall, standards are now good;
- improving pupils' bilingual skills. The use of Welsh is now a more prominent feature in the life and work of the school. It enriches pupils' learning experiences and the school's bilingual ethos. Overall, good features outweigh some shortcomings in pupils' bilingual skills;
- improving the quality of teaching. The school has worked hard to share good practice and to implement whole-school planning and formative assessment strategies. This has helped to raise standards and the quality of education provided for pupils throughout the school;
- developing effective behaviour strategies. Pupils are very well behaved and are motivated to learn. They work hard to achieve high standards and take pride in their achievements; and

- focusing its strategic planning on raising standards and in setting and monitoring challenging targets for improvement. The good quality post-inspection action plan has provided an effective focus and timescale for prioritising the developmental needs of the school.

The school now complies with statutory requirements in respect of the information provided in the governing body's Annual Report and in the school's prospectus.

**Recommendations:**

In order to improve on this progress, the school should:

- continue to build upon the recent good progress in raising standards and in improving the quality of teaching in Welsh second language and bilingualism, English, mathematics, design technology and art; and
- further develop the role of leaders and managers in self-evaluation and monitoring procedures and continue to use the information to target areas for improvement.