

19 August 2026

Dear

ATISN 27253

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 July 2026.

Information requested

any information held by WG concerning the recent inspection at Westbourne School, Hickman Road, Penarth. This should ideally include:

1. The School's post-inspection action plan (which may differ from the one sent to parents)
2. Estyn/WG's written assessment regarding the inspection or the adequacy of the action plan, including the School's plan for R2, R3 and R4.
3. Any additional information regarding safeguarding concerns at the school.

Our response

The information you requested is as follows:

1. A copy of Westbourne School's post inspection action plan (PIAP) which was sent to the Welsh Government is attached (Doc.1).
2. The school's PIAP sets out the steps it proposes to take to address the shortcomings identified during Estyn's inspection. However, the Welsh Government will not be in position to confirm whether it is sufficiently robust and if implemented effectively, will address the areas of non-compliance with [the Independent School Standards \(Wales\) Regulations 2024](#) until the inspectorate has assessed the plan and evidence provided by the school to demonstrate the action taken, in detail and provided their advice to the Welsh Government.
Recommendations R2 to R4 related to teaching and learning. As the school was found compliant with Standard 1 of the regulations relating to the quality of education provided, we would not expect these recommendations to be addressed through the action plan and therefore would not expect them to feature in the action plan submitted in response to the non-compliance identified.

Although recommendations are not statutory requirements in the same way as the Independent School Standards, they identify important areas for improvement arising from inspection. Consideration of progress against recommendations would normally take place through subsequent inspection activity rather than through the PIAP process.

3. Copies of Estyn's safeguarding letter to the school and the inspectorate's response which were copied to the Welsh Government are attached (Doc. 2 & Doc.3)

Certain information has been redacted under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because it constitutes the personal data of third parties. The Welsh Government considers that disclosure of this information would contravene the data protection principles.

The redactions include information such as the names and contact details of individuals where appropriate.

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CF10 3NQ
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Yours sincerely