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Dear Parent/Carers

ESTYN INSPECTION WEEK BEGINNING 25 MARCH 2019

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR PARENTS/CARERS: MONDAY 25 MARCH, 5.00-6.00pm, NEUADD NEWYDD

Cantonian High School is soon to be inspected as part of the programme of regular school inspections in Wales. The inspection will be carried out by a team led by Vaughan Williams, the Reporting Inspector.

This letter is to invite you to attend a meeting with the inspectors on Monday 25th March at 5.00pm. The meeting is open to all parents/carers of pupils at the school. Governors and staff will not be present at the meeting unless they also have children at the school. The purpose of the meeting is for you to tell the inspectors your views about the school and how it works so that these views can be included in the inspection. Although the inspectors will want to hear your views, and will attempt to answer your questions, they will not be in a position to comment on your views, which will be taken account of in the inspection. The inspectors will also be able to tell you about the inspection.

In addition to this meeting, as part of the inspection process, parents/carers are given the opportunity to complete an **online questionnaire**. Please do fill it in whether or not you can attend the meeting (details on how to do this are overleaf) by the deadline of 14th March. Pupils will also be asked to complete a questionnaire during school time. The inspection team will take all comments into account. Estyn may also use the questionnaire responses to make general statistical analysis of parents'/carers'/pupils' views about schools and/or education.

Yours sincerely

MRS D GILL
Headteacher

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** via the direct link provided by the school or by going to <https://vir.estyn.gov.uk>, clicking on 'complete a parent questionnaire' and inputting **12418**. The questionnaires will be available until 14/03/2019.
- **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. Return hard copies directly using the freepost facility or 'In Confidence' via your school no later than 11/03/2019.

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, while peer inspectors are headteachers 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. They will use the school's self-evaluation report 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:

- standards
- wellbeing and attitudes to learning
- teaching and learning experiences
- care, support and guidance
- leadership and management

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

Excellent: Very strong, sustained performance and practice

Good: Strong features, although minor aspects may require improvement

Adequate and needs improvement: Strengths outweigh weaknesses, but important aspects require improvement

Unsatisfactory and needs urgent

improvement: Important weaknesses 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 three types of follow-up activity include:

Estyn review: involves reviewing the progress the school has made towards addressing the recommendations highlighted in the report about 12-18 months after the publication of the inspection report

Significant improvement: involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the school about 12-18 months after the publication of the inspection report

Special measures: involves a small team of Estyn inspectors making regular visits to review the school's progress following the publication of the inspection report

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