

Marking and Feedback Policy Reviewed September 2024

Aims

- To form part of the overall formative assessment procedures
- To provide constructive feedback to every child, focusing on success and improvement needs against learning intentions; enabling children to become reflective learners and helping them to close the gap between current and desired performance.
- To provide information for parents to gauge their child's performance.
- To raise the standard of work in school.
- To inform the teacher and support staff about successes and misunderstandings and to enable future teaching based on this information.
- To enable children to see marking and feedback as positive in improving their learning.

The Head Teacher's responsibility will be to:

- Ensure that consistent codes of marking are used throughout the school and on display for reference purposes, according to each individual school's procedures.
- Monitor marking and feedback through children's work and discussion with children.
- Support staff in order to raise standards.
- Give recognition and praise for achievement and make children aware of any necessary improvements that need to be made.
- Ensure that marking and feedback is manageable for teachers and staff.
- Involve all adults working with children in the classroom.

Teacher's responsibility is to:

- Ensure that marking and feedback relates to learning intentions, which will need to be shared with the children.
- Give children opportunities to become aware of and reflect on their learning needs.
- Give recognition and appropriate praise for achievement.
- Give clear strategies for improvement.
- Allow specific time for children to read, reflect and respond to marking.
- Respond to individual learning needs
- Use assessment and marking to inform future planning and individual target setting

Support Staff's responsibility is to:

- Ensure that they are aware of the marking policy of the school and check with the teacher about the appropriateness of marking and feedback in their teaching situations.
- Ensure that the teacher is made aware of any difficulties and successes that a child may have.

Children's responsibility is to:

- Self-assess their work fairly against the learning wheel
- Understand and respond to feedback

Parents will be:

- Encouraged to take an interest in the progress of their children and to contact the teacher if they have any concerns about their child's learning.
- Encouraged to understand how marking and feedback can be used as a real tool for learning and improvement.

Balance Assessment Tool:

- "Balance" is a teaching and learning tool designed to help teachers reduce workload, improve pupil outcomes, and streamline the assessment process in schools. It aims to simplify curriculum planning, streamline assessment, and provide a comprehensive analysis of pupil progress.
- Each piece of work produced by the children will be given a score 1-9 (including a padlock) in their books next to the learning objective. This code indicates how they did on these piece of work. It is then replicated on the balance assessment system portal.
- It provides a system for making point-in-time assessments and analyzing pupil progress in detail.

