

ST ETHELBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Feedback and Marking Policy

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1. Purpose and aims of the feedback and marking policy

Research has shown that consistent and effective feedback, as documented in this policy, has a significant impact on raising achievement. Where pupils are given better quality support and feedback, and are encouraged and empowered to take more responsibility, they learn more effectively.

- The purpose of this policy is to make explicit how the teaching team mark children's work and provide feedback. All members of staff are expected to be familiar with the policy and to apply it consistently.
- A consistent, whole-school approach to feedback and marking is essential so that pupils understand how they will receive feedback and how they should respond to marking comments. Consistent, regular marking also reinforces high expectations and also helps pupils understand that their work is valued.
- Teachers are responsible for marking as part of the teacher's terms and conditions of employment. In this policy, clear strategies are stated in order to manage efficiently the work load of teaching staff.
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The Key Principles that Guide the School's Approach to Marking and Feedback

Marking and feedback should:

- Support pupils to think about and reflect on their learning
- Be manageable for the teaching team and accessible to the children
- Reinforce high expectations for individual achievement
- Support pupil progress by using next step marking to identify specific areas for improvement
- Allow specific time for children to read, reflect and respond to next step feedback in order to raise achievement
- Respond to the learning needs of individuals, groups or the whole class by taking opportunities to mark face-to-face or as pupils are working to maximise its impact
- Be an integral part of the assessment for learning process, informing future planning
- Be consistent throughout the school or within key stages, using school marking symbols consistently

2. General expectations

It is essential that there is consistent marking throughout the school to support effective communication between pupils and the marker and to ensure pupils and parents have clear expectations about how their work will be marked.

- **Verbal feedback (VF)**

Verbal feedback will be given to children during the lesson where possible. Verbal feedback will be immediate, during the learning and may be individual, group based, or to the whole class

- **Written feedback: Tickled Pink and Green for Growth**

Pink highlights will show achievement against the learning objective or success criteria. This may look like:

- Evidence within a piece of work may be highlighted pink to show specific examples of where the objective has been achieved.
- Pink comments may be used at the teacher's discretion to acknowledge achievements above or in addition to the learning objective.

Green highlights and/or comments in red pen will inform next steps in learning.

This may look like:

- Evidence within a piece of work may be highlighted green to show specific examples of where there are misconceptions or errors.
- Comments in red pen to be used at the teacher's discretion to further learning by: scaffolding, deepen learning, questioning or offer challenge (see examples in the appendix)

- **Marking symbols must be used consistently**

- **Incorrect answers should be highlighted green.** If pupils are working in pencil, they should not rub out and then correct their work. Incorrect work should remain in exercise books as evidence mistakes or misconceptions have been identified and addressed.

- **All written marking comments should be completed in red pen.**

- Supply teachers should mark all work they do with the children, and initial it with an additional comment "ST" (supply teacher). Teachers covering within the school should also mark and initial work.
- Parents must have access to their child's books during parents' consultation meetings. Marking must be up to date and be in accordance with school policy.

3. Sharing of the Learning Title and Outcome

Teachers are expected to share and display the learning title and discuss the intended outcome for each lesson. Teachers will share steps to achieving this outcome. Research shows that children are more highly motivated and task-orientated if they know and understand the learning intention and are given clear criteria to help them measure their success.

- The learning title should be written or explained in **child-friendly language**. It should be as concise as possible, written in a sentence or note form. Learning titles may sometimes be learning questions.
- Pupils should write the learning title at the start of each piece of work. In the Foundation Stage and Year 1 the learning titles can be printed and stuck in each pupil's book.
- Teachers may use their discretion, particularly for pupils in year 1 or for pupils with Special Educational Needs, whether additional support is given with writing the learning question. (e.g. LQ is stuck in the book or teacher/LSA writes the LQ for the pupil)

4. Feedback and Marking Strategies

4.1 Acknowledgement marking against the learning title

All written work should be marked using green and pink highlighters and the school marking symbols. The minimum expectation is that the learning title is highlighted either pink or green indicating Pink- Achieved Green- Needs practice

The following symbols can be used to evidence support given

WS	With support
GW	Guided work
I	Independently
VF	Verbal feedback given
NS	Next Steps

4.2 Motivational feedback

Some pupils may benefit from motivational comments that confirm that they are achieving or making progress. Types of comments may include:

"Well done. You listened very carefully today" "Fantastic maths"

- These comments should be written at the teacher's discretion and should not be overused
- As a general rule this type marking should be as positive as possible. However negative comments are acceptable if the teacher judges it will have a positive impact on the pupil's learning or will reinforce high expectations for achievement. **(e.g. if a child produces works that is not reflective of their ability or if presentation does not meet the expectations set).**
- Teachers may use a range of strategies to acknowledge children's achievement including smiley faces and stickers.

4.3 Improvement prompt/next step feedback and marking

This approach is the most important of all the strategies because it helps to close the learning gap, supporting pupils move from where they currently are to where they are targeted to be in their learning. It makes pupils think about and reflect on their learning.

Next step feedback can be verbal, highlighted in green or written in red pen.

To have the greatest impact on pupil learning and progress:

- Written feedback should be linked to the learning question and success criteria.
- Errors and misconceptions to be highlighted in green
- **Pupils should have "DIRT" (Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time) at the beginning of every lesson so they can respond to feedback**

Two simple strategies to support high-impact improvement prompt marking

1. Highlight in green

- a. As you are marking, highlight in green the work you would like pupils to improve or reflect on
- b. Spend the first 5 minutes of the lesson getting pupils to respond to their improvement prompts

2. Let the pupils make the corrections. Give feedback and let pupils improve their work.

- a. Five of these are wrong. You find them. You fix them.

Types of feedback

Green for growth feedback to support

When reviewing pupil outcomes, evidence suggests the pupil needs more support to achieve the LQ. Examples include:

- *Try questions 5, 6 and 7 again. Use a number line*
- *Add in correct punctuation*
- *Add in two time connectives.*

Green for growth feedback to consolidate

This is more than 'Do another ten questions' but where the child may need a few more examples before they can move on. The examples are tailored to the errors a child has previously made.

- Try these: $13.2 \times 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $83.32 \times 100 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Add a simple sentence in paragraph 2 to increase the tension

Green for growth feedback to Accelerate

Have challenge questions ready as next steps that can be stuck into pupils books at the beginning of the next lesson to move the child on to the next level of difficulty. These can be completed during 'DIRT' time

Expectations for verbal next step feedback

- Verbal feedback can be highly effective in focusing pupils on the learning objective and success criteria as they are working. It should be used **throughout the lesson to ensure pupils** are on track with their learning, address any misconceptions and provide further support or challenge to individuals, groups or the whole class so that the learning is pitched at what pupils need.
- When verbal feedback has been given to an individual, group or whole class then the letters "VF" should be used. Further brief notes and **modelling/scaffolding** can be added underneath the "VF" to explain what feedback was given.

Expectations for written next step feedback

- All work should be marked using green and pink highlighters and written comments should be in red pen.
- In order to manage teacher workload, it can be effective to provide written next step marking during the lesson with the focus group that you are working with. In this way, pupils can respond directly to the comments as you make them and this can have a greater impact on accelerating their progress.

4.4 Feedback and marking linked to English and Maths Targets

English and Maths target record sheets are kept in pupil's books and it is important that these are cross referenced with the evidence in pupils' books.

In English, in longer pieces of writing, when a pupil has achieved a target, this should be referenced in the teacher's marking comment (e.g. *T1 met*). The target should then be ticked off on the pupil's record sheet with the date added.

4.5 Pupil self-evaluation and feedback

4.5.1 Dedicated feedback and improvement time (DIRT)

Pupils should be given appropriate opportunities to respond to green for growth highlighting and next step feedback comments. **Teachers must incorporate time for feedback and reflection time into planning. Feedback and reflection time may take place as a whole class, during a guided group or through one-to-one conferencing with a pupil. Pupils' written responses to marking must be in green pen.**

4.5.2 Self and peer-evaluation

Self and peer-evaluation feedback is an essential part of the assessment for learning process. It encourages children to become more reflective learners, who can analyse what they have achieved during a lesson and what they need to develop to make further progress. It also helps to engage pupils in the learning process

It takes time, teacher modelling and lots of practice for it to be meaningful: however, when done correctly it is extremely effective in enabling pupils to evaluate their learning and understand what they need to do next.

Self-evaluation at the end of each lesson:

In Key Stage 1 and 2 children are supported in reflecting in greater depth using Success Criteria and Self-Evaluation questions to guide their thinking.

- Self- and peer-evaluation should be completed verbally.
- Time for self- and peer-evaluation needs to be built into planning and can be done during a task and/or at the end of a lesson.
- It is important that teachers take account of pupils' evaluation and use this to inform future teaching and learning.
- Pupils may mark their own work as this is an important way of encouraging children to reflect on their own progress in the lesson and it provides them with immediate feedback.
- It may on occasion be beneficial for pupils to mark each other's work as marking another pupil's work can support peer-evaluation. This should be done sensitively and at the discretion of the teacher.

5. Presentation of children's work

Date: Should be written on the top right-hand side of the page.

- In KS1 children use the short date in all subjects except English.
- In KS2 use the long date in English and the short date in Maths.
- In other subjects (e.g. Science, History it is at the discretion of the teacher and should reflect the task set (e.g. for a write up of a science experiment it would be appropriate to write the short date and for a piece of writing linked to creative curriculum it would be appropriate to use the long date).

Learning question or title: Should be written at the top left-hand side of the page, leaving a line before starting their work.

General presentation

- Set high expectations regarding the way children look after their books. It is important that children's written work shows that they have pride in what they have achieved. Poor presentation can create a negative impression.
- Where presentation is not of a high standard, then it is important that teachers identify this with pupils and require them to complete the work again.
- The date, learning question and a title if there is one should be underlined using a ruler.
- For SEN children, it is at the teacher's discretion whether support is provided in writing the learning question or date.
- Teachers should model how to stick worksheets into books so that they are stuck in straight and neatly.
- **Maths:** work completed must be in pencil. All lines should be drawn with a ruler.
- **English:**
 - EYFS and KS1, work should be completed in pencil. If, during year 5, the teacher feels that a pupil's handwriting is developed enough, then they may award a pen licence and pupils can use a blue handwriting pen.
 - In Year 6 all pupils should use handwriting pen.
 - For pupils with SEN or for those who need additional support with their handwriting, teachers may use their discretion as to whether pupils continue to use pencil or use a different type of pen that supports the development of their handwriting.
- No doodling is allowed on books (including front cover and margins).

APPENDIX

Examples of English marking:

T2, 11
La: can I write a report using
re: what is it?
g

(A) (I) Did you know on Monday
year 1 we went on an amazing
trip to **Ruizit Lido**?

Firstly we went on a big and
extremely hot coach. He
took us on a very fun
trip. When we arrived
there we were so excited
to play in the yellow sand.
We went on a long, long,
long lovely mile and **then**
we had a sun, sun, sun
play and when we had
our play **then** we had
our **gorramption** lunch
and we were so, so, so
hungry we gobled it all
up very **quickly** **after**
lunch we made sand
castles and played on
the play ground on the
hot beach. **Finally** it was
time to go home. We were

Thursday 29th June
 Q: Can I use expanded noun phrases?

The ~~piercing, jagged, keen~~ stalactites with ~~mouth-like~~ features.

The ~~maria~~ enormous, glistening, golden palace with rainbow bridges.

The ~~long, frozen~~ ^{pearl-white} snowy mountains with ~~lengthy, icebound~~ trees.

① More effective adjectives.

Success criteria:

I can select appropriate adjectives to describe a noun.

I can use commas in a list to separate adjectives.



Friday 30th June
 Q: Can I use adverbs of possibility?

Success Criteria:

I can use an adverb of possibility

I can use relative clause

I can use an expanded noun phrase

I can write in the first person, present tense.



edit these in in green please.

Wednesday 12th July 17

Lo: To create characters and settings. (A)

Emerald the enchanted

Once upon a time, there lived a ~~poor~~ ~~family~~ ~~sadly~~ ~~the~~ ~~family~~ ~~sadly~~ ~~the~~ ~~mother~~ ~~died~~ ~~a~~ ~~few~~ ~~years~~ ~~ago~~. There was a little girl ^{and unhappy} ~~because~~ ~~beast~~ called ^{Emerald} ~~emerald~~ and her father, ~~because~~ ~~beast~~ the were ~~so~~ ~~poor~~, they made their family bigger. When ^{Emerald} ~~emerald~~ ~~s~~ ~~mum~~ was young her ~~best~~ ~~friend~~ was called ~~lousinda~~ and since she knew them very well she is going to live at their home. Also she has two very ~~spoil~~ ~~children~~.

① proper noun ✓

② more than one or owns? ✓

Examples of Maths marking:

11.07.2019

L.O. To revise

starter

1. $6 \times 10 = 60$ ✓
2. $2 \times 11 = 22$ ✓
3. $7 \times 5 = 35$ ✓
4. $10 \times 9 = 90$ ✓
5. $8 \times 2 = 16$ C 16
6. $5 \times 9 = 45$ ✓

1. $4 + \boxed{12} = 16$ $16 - 4 = 12$
2. $7 + \boxed{41} = 48$ $48 - 7 = 41$
3. $15 + \boxed{41} = 56$ $56 - 15 = 41$
4. $31 + \boxed{12} = 43$ $43 - 31 = 12$
5. $11 + \boxed{43} = 54$ $54 - 11 = 43$
6. $8 + \boxed{31} = 39$ $39 - 8 = 31$
7. $\boxed{37} - 5 = 32$ $32 + 5 = 37$
8. $\boxed{42} - 14 = 28$ $28 + 14 = 42$
9. $\boxed{44} - 7 = 37$ $37 + 7 = 44$
10. $\boxed{50} - 13 = 37$ $37 + 13 = 50$
11. $\boxed{43} - 8 = 35$ $35 + 8 = 43$
12. $\boxed{76} - 11 = 65$ $65 + 11 = 76$

SE: I can use the inverse to find missing numbers.

LO L(11) 100 Sphurey
 er's on a 100

Starter - Target 3

Label the coins and notes



£5

£10

£20

3, 5, 7, 8

2, 10, 22, 14, 16

12, 15, 19, 16, 20, 4, 15, 20

38, 30, 34, 35, 40, 48, 51

21, 25, 32, 36

8, 20, 2

38, 30

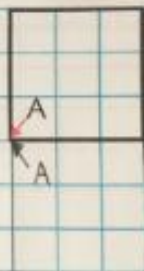
(NS) True or false

7 is inbetween 5 and 10?

True

Q. Can I rotate a shape around a point?

A1

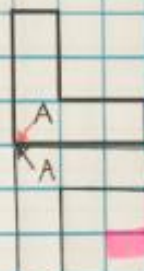


rotate 90°
a
rotate 180°
b

B1



A2



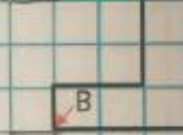
B2



A3



B3

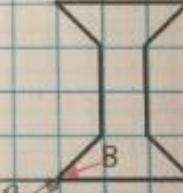


How many squares do you need? 3

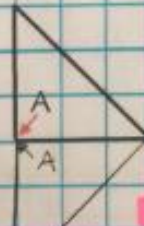
A4



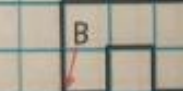
B4



A5



B5





How will my teacher mark my work?

Next to the Learning Title your teacher will:

Use 'Green for Growth' and 'Tickled Pink' to show what you've done well and what you need to improve.



They might also use the following symbols to show support given in class today:

WS	With support
GW	Guided work
I	Independently
VF	Verbal feedback given
NS	Next Steps

Green for growth





Tickled pink!