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Feedback and Marking Policy

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21.0	15/05/2023	Looked at marking codes and presentation as part of staff meeting.
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## Related Documents/Policies

References	Title
	Teaching and Learning Policy



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### **Rationale**

At The Grove Primary School, we recognise the importance of feedback as an integral part of the teaching and learning cycle, and aim to maximise the effectiveness of its use in practice. We are mindful also of the research surrounding effective feedback and the workload implications of written marking, as well as research from cognitive science regarding the fragility of new learning. Our policy is underpinned by the evidence of best practice from the Education Endowment Foundation and other expert organisations.

The Education Endowment Foundation research shows that effective feedback should:

- Redirect or refocus either the teacher's or the learner's actions to achieve a goal
- Be specific, accurate and clear
- Encourage and support further effort
- Be given sparingly so that it is meaningful
- Put the onus on students to correct their own mistakes, rather than providing correct answers for them
- Alert the teacher to misconceptions, so that the teacher can address these in subsequent lessons.

Notably, the Department for Education's research into teacher workload has highlighted written marking as a key contributing factor to workload. As such we have investigated ways to provide effective feedback in line with the EEF's recommendations, and those of the DfE's expert group which emphasises that marking should be: **Meaningful, manageable and motivating.**

It is vital that we, as teachers, demonstrate, to pupils, how to respond to comments or improvement prompts in their work. Modelling, at all levels and in all classes will ensure pupils respond appropriately with sufficient thought and effort to make a difference in their work. Over time, children's responses will mature although the highest expectations should extend to corrections, improvement prompts and additional challenges.



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### Feedback and marking in practice

It is vital that teachers evaluate the work that children undertake in lessons, and use information obtained from this to allow them to adjust their teaching. Effective feedback is an important part of the learning process which can be:

1. Immediate feedback – at the point of teaching
2. Summary feedback - at the end of a lesson/task
3. Next lesson feedforward – further teaching enabling the children to identify and improve for themselves areas for development identified by the teacher or complete an additional challenge
4. Summative feedback – tasks planned to give teachers definitive feedback about whether a child has securely mastered the material under study

These practices can be seen in the following table:

Type	What it looks like	Evidence
Immediate feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Includes teacher gathering feedback from teaching within the course of the lesson, including mini-whiteboards, bookwork, etc.</li><li>• Takes place in lessons with individuals or small groups</li><li>• Often given verbally to pupils for immediate action</li><li>• May involve use of an adult to provide support of further challenge</li><li>• May re-direct the focus of teaching or the task</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lesson observations</li><li>• Learning walks</li><li>• Book monitoring</li></ul>
Summary feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Takes place at the end of a lesson or activity</li><li>• Often involves whole groups or classes</li><li>• Provides an opportunity for evaluation of learning in the lesson</li><li>• May take form of self or peer- assessment against an agreed set of criteria</li><li>• May take the form of a quiz, test or score on a game</li><li>• In some cases, may guide a teacher's further use of review feedback, focusing on areas of need</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lesson observations/learning walks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some evidence of self – and peer-assessment</li></ul></li><li>• Quiz and test results may be recorded in books or logged separately by the teacher</li></ul>
Next lesson feedforward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Challenge activity, if appropriate, highlighted in blue</li><li>• Corrections completed independently or through verbal feedback with an adult or peer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lesson observations/learning walks</li><li>• Evidence in books of pupils editing and redrafting their work in green pen</li></ul>
Summative feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End of unit quiz or test to check understanding</li><li>• Application of skills task eg through problem solving and reasoning questions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book monitoring</li><li>• Lesson observations</li><li>• Learning Walk</li><li>• Test/quiz scores</li></ul>

Each member of staff (including student and supply teachers) must use the marking guide, on the next page, to support them in sharing feedback effectively with children as part of the learning process. Non negotiables- in Writing- will also be used to support feedback in writing tasks.



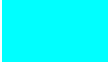


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## Marking Guide



	Work is correct
	Have a look at where you have gone wrong
	Challenge
<b>Comment</b>	If it is appropriate, teacher makes a comment
I	Work completed independently
S	Supported by an adult
VF	Verbal Feedback
^	Missing word
Sp	Spelling to correct
SM	Self-marked by children in green/pink
PM	Peer marked by children in green/pink
P	Punctuation errors (Key Stage 2)
G	Grammar errors (Key Stage 2)
CL	Capital letter
Purple pen	Children will use a purple pen to edit/ correct/ improve their work

\*Children in Key Stage 2 will use a ruler and pencil to draw a line through any mistakes.