# Brettenham Primary School



# Marking and Feedback Policy

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#### Intent

We recognise that feedback is an integral part of the learning process and must be precisely positioned and embedded into each lesson. We believe that children benefit from verbal feedback and the opportunity to discuss their learning with their peers and their teacher. Therefore, written marking in all subjects is replaced by pupil teacher conferencing. Feedback should empower children to identify their own strengths and areas for development and in turn, create independent, self-motivated pupils who have ownership over their learning.

(Article 12)

#### **Aims**

#### At Brettenham we aim to:

- Encourage children to look at areas for improvement in a positive way. (Article 29)
- Raise standards by celebrating successes and encouraging children to improve on their last piece of work.
- Create a dialogue which will aid progression and improve children's confidence and self-esteem.
- Ensure that pupils' responses show a heightened awareness of and a responsibility for their learning. (Article 12)
- Help pupils to understand how well they are doing, where a piece of work can be improved and offer additional challenges that extend learning.
- Allow time for children to respond to verbal comments; enabling time for reflection on learning gained.
- Support children to identify misconceptions and be able to articulate next steps in their learning.
- Develop children's ability to self and peer assess. (Article 29)

#### **Principles of Fast Feedback**

- Teachers have a thorough understanding of each pupil's needs through embedded Assessment for Learning practice during lessons. (Article 3)
- Teacher time is spent effectively by looking at children's work after each lesson and adapting plans
  to meet the needs of the children in the following lesson and planning the focus of conferencing
  sessions.
- Conferencing is focused on either guiding pupils to make improvements or extending children with an additional challenge.
- Conferencing can take place individually, in groups or as a whole class if a common misconception is being addressed.
- Effective teacher questioning guides pupils to either self-assess or peer assess (ks2 only) every lesson.
- Pupils have ownership over their books and are given the opportunity to self-mark and learn from conferencing. (*Article 12*)

#### **Implementation**

- All books to be looked at after every lesson and conferences to be planned accordingly.
- Purple pen to be used for self/peer marking and completing any additional next steps.
- Children to use red pen during conferencing to improve their work and to make reflections.
- Each child is conferenced at least once per week for Numeracy and Literacy (target 6 children within the lesson).
- Each child is conferenced fortnightly for foundation subjects (using group or class feedback)
- For children who have met the Learning Objective, a conference can take place to extend children's learning. This should be written by the child in red pen to show that a teacher has extended that child's learning.
- AFL, self-reflection or peer reflection to be built into all lessons through starters, mini and main plenaries where applicable.

#### **Adaptations**

#### **Early Years Foundation Stage**

Due to its very nature, children attending Nursery and Reception learn through play-based activities. When the children are developmentally ready, during the Reception year, we ask the children to complete short tasks in their Writing book. As the children are at the very early stages of fine motor skill development, we provide verbal feedback during every written task. The children are guided through a task on their own or with a small group and the outcomes are discussed. The teacher will provide a narrative of the task in green pen to provide the child's 'next step'. The child will then respond to this 'next step' with a red pencil. This could also include a short quote from the child as a result of the conference. Throughout the year, children will complete short practical tasks for Maths. The teacher will display evidence of the child's attempts on their Learning Journal page on Tapestry.

#### **Nurture**

The children that attend the nurture group will complete the work their class teacher has set, as well as individual targeted work. This will be worked on with the nurture group teacher on their own or in a small group. The children will complete their work and either peer or self-assess it using a success criteria checklist. The nurture group teacher has created a template for this using recognisable symbols the children are familiar with. This allows the children to be more independent whilst reflecting on their learning and allows them to consider their 'next steps'. The children will respond using a red pen to indicate a conference has taken place, this will then be stamped by the teacher.

#### **SEND**

Children with particular educational needs that may struggle to produce and edit their own work, can have their verbal responses scribed by the teacher in a green pen. This can be done by using speech marks or can be written in a narrative form. If working with a Learning Support Assistant, the child can be conferenced and can use a red pen when appropriate.

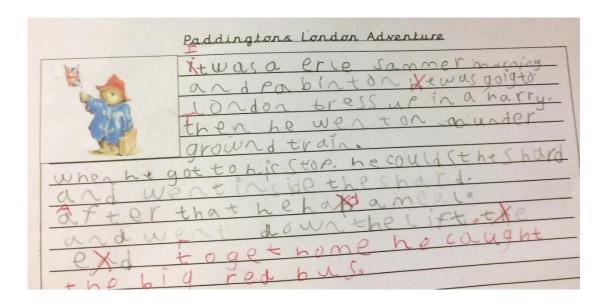
#### LSA/TA SUPPORT

When conferencing a child, LSA Support or TA Support should be written in green pen to indicate that a conference has taken place by somebody other than the teacher.

#### **Key Stage 1**

At the beginning of Year 1, the children are given a transition period from the EYFS style of learning into a more formal lesson structure. This will mean that the teacher will conference with a small group of children on their written work, whilst the other children carry out more practical activities. This allows the teacher to conference every child and extend their learning. The teacher can also use a green pen to narrate or quote the child during this time. During this time, children will be introduced to Learning Objectives and will begin to use to self-assessment to assess their learning. As and when children are ready, they will be introduced to using the 'red pen' as a tool to edit their work during the conference.



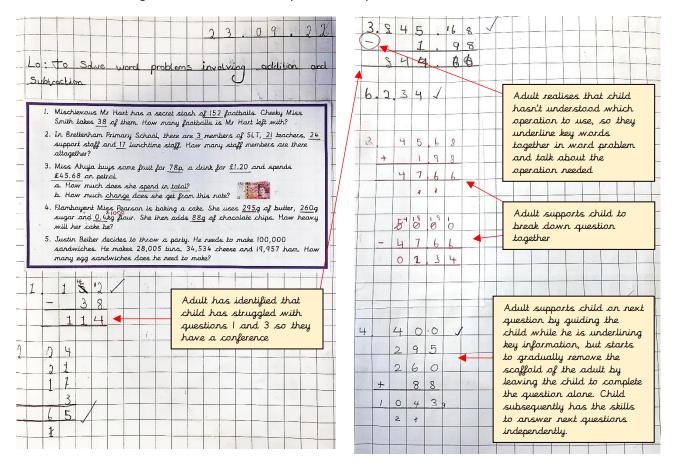


#### Monitoring and evaluation

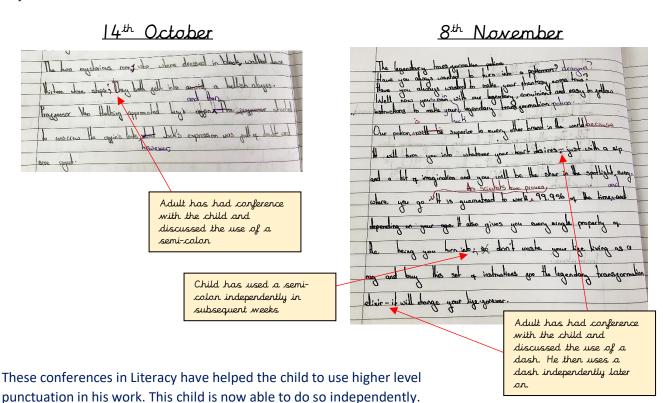
As part of our regular audits, members of the Senior Leadership Team and Curriculum Team will review samples of work and carry out pupil interviews from each class to monitor the implementation of this policy. A sample of children's books will also be reviewed by our School Improvement Partner. The desired outcomes for this policy are to show improvements in children's learning and greater clarity amongst children and parents concerning the children's achievements and progress.

#### **Impact**

Once the child has been conferenced and their work has been improved as a result of the discussion, this will be evident in their following work. Below is an example of the impact of a conference in Mathematics.



As you can see, the conference has had a positive impact on the child's learning. The child is subsequently able to reach the correct answer by identifying the operation independently, enabling him to meet the Learning Objective for the lesson.



### Fast Feedback

Which pen?

### Red Pen

During or after a conference.

# Purple Pen

Assessing myself and my peers.

## Green Pen

Scribing