



# **Roman Road Primary School**

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### **Introduction**

#### **'Feedback is one of the most powerful influences on learning and achievement'**

(Hattie and Timperley 2007, Review of Educational Research March 2007, Vol. 77, No. 1, pp. 81–112)

This policy sets out how the use of effective marking, feedback and response is consistently utilised across our school to benefit primary aged pupils.

Effective feedback given to pupils through marking and reviewing work will provide constructive steps for every pupil to ensure progress. It will focus on success and improvement needs against learning objectives and success criteria; enabling pupils to become reflective learners and helping them to close the gap between current and desired performance. At Roman Road, this important stage of the teaching and learning process is also called 'Developmental Marking'.

### **1. Aim**

The aim of this policy is to ensure clear understanding of the purposes, procedures and processes of effective marking and feedback to pupils regarding their work in order to maximise progress and support pupils in becoming effective learners.

Effective marking and feedback is integral to good teaching and learning processes. By empowering pupils to be actively involved in understanding how they are making progress, it helps to embed learning swiftly and enables accelerated learning.

Effective marking and feedback aims to:

1. Inform the pupil what they have done well and what they need to do to improve.
2. Support pupil confidence and self-esteem in learning and contributes to accelerated learning.
3. Support teachers' assessment knowledge of each pupil as part of thorough assessment for learning procedures, in order to plan and refine next steps in learning.
4. Develop consistent processes across the school to teach pupils to respond to feedback, self-assess and evaluate their own learning.

## 2. Processes

Four types of marking and feedback occur during teaching and learning at Roman Road:

i). **Teachers' well considered intervention** to prompt deeper thinking, and swiftly address misconceptions during lessons. This takes the form of verbal feedback and occurs through effective questioning to clarify or refocus tasks and enquiry, mini plenaries and mid-lesson adjustments. It may also be verbal feedback given during a 1:1 learning conference with a pupil or in on a group basis. For younger pupils this can be noted down to record the feedback and response process.

ii) **'Light' marking of work**, acknowledging and recognising attainment and/or progress, success and/or completion of pupils' work but also correcting basic skills e.g. spellings, grammar, letter/number formation. In mathematics all are calculations to be marked. Teachers need to traffic light against the LO using their initials.

iii) **Developmental Marking** in which incisive feedback on attainment and success is given and response from pupils is required to strengthen the teaching and learning process in order to accelerate and deepen learning.

iv) **Self-assessment and peer assessment** of the attainment and success of a piece of work.

This policy sets out the procedures agreed by the school to ensure a consistent and impactful approach to Effective Marking and feedback at Roman Road.

## 3. Non-negotiable procedures for marking.

All marking is to be carried out in green pen.

No pupils to mark any books.

All marking is to be completed in a clear legible handwriting style aligned to the school handwriting script and age appropriate. Ticks neatly formed.

The marking code is to be followed in all cases. (See Appendix 1)

The marking code should be accessible to all pupils in the learning environment.

Date and LO to be copied correctly from the IWB (capital T for 'To be able to .....')

No comments are written in the margin by the teacher or pupil and pupils must have space to respond to the marking.

All pupils' work is to be at least 'light' marked by the Teacher. In maths all calculations need to be marked. Support Staff can mark maths calculations for the group they are working with.

In developmental marking feedback comments must be constructed to require response by pupils, at an appropriate level of challenge, and such tasks must be completed by pupils every Monday instead of the starter activity.

When developmentally marking writing, attention should be given to spelling, grammar and punctuation in line with the stage of development of the individual and strategies used to support their development. This will be done in line with the marking code. If a response is required for spelling no more than 3 spelling corrections for a piece of work will be given. (Examples of developmental marking are attached to this policy).

### **Self-assessment**

Pupils will neatly traffic light their work against their learning objective accordingly.

- Red: 'I don't understand. I need more work on this'
- Orange: 'I'm almost there. I need extra help or practice'
- Green: 'I can do this! I'm ready to move on'

In year 1 Pupils will self-assess at the end of the lesson by showing a:

- 'Thumbs down' for the red traffic light. 'I don't understand. I need more work on this'
  - 'Thumbs sideways' for the orange traffic light. 'I'm almost there. I need extra help or practice'
  - 'Thumbs up' for the green traffic light. 'I can do this! I'm ready to move on'
- (See Appendix 2)

(If a Learning Objective refers to Success Criteria – for example key features of a text type or genre in literacy - then it is useful for this to be stuck into the exercise book so the child can self-assess against all aspects)

### **Peer Assessment**

Where peer assessment has been appropriately introduced pupils will edit each other's work and suggest ways for their peer to improve their work. This has to be completed in a blue colouring pencil and the peer assessor's name must be also left.

## **Responding to comments**

Pupil response to comments should be made in pencil (pen if license has been issued). If in KS1 or FS this is verbal, it should be recorded at such. Response should be made as soon as reasonably possible in order to support pupils effectively.

### **3a) Procedures in greater detail:**

#### **3ai) The Frequency of Developmental Marking**

**All pupils' work is to be at least light marked by the Teacher.** Preparation work including text maps, plans and drafts in literacy and jottings, working out and exploration in mathematics can be evidenced in the following ways: learning wall, photographs or paired work in books.

In **Literacy and Mathematics** all pupils should have at least 1 in every 3 pieces of work marked developmentally by their teacher. This marking will demand an effective response from the pupil and time should be allocated by the teacher for an appropriate and meaningful response to be made also each week. The overseeing of such a task may be carried out by another adult other than the class teacher.

In **Extended writing books** every piece of work needs to be lightly marked, Ros Wilson criteria to be completed and written indication of what the pupils' next target is.

In **Science, History and Geography** every other piece of work needs to be marked developmentally by the teacher per week and the other piece marked lightly for subject specific concerns.

All other books – **RE/PSHCE, Art/DT, grammar, handwriting and guided reading** should be marked 'lightly' daily for subject specific concerns. For **RE/PSHCE** and **Art/DT** one piece of work per half term needs to be developmentally marked.

**In the Foundation Stage**, developmental marking process maybe exemplified through observational assessment made by adults and then verbal feedback and discussion recorded (this must include pupil voice). These records should be dated and area/s of learning highlighted. This will be recorded in pupils' learning journeys, and as the Foundation year progresses directly onto recorded work as appropriate.

Developmental Marking should also be used as a strategy to support pupils who are in need of acceleration. This may be particularly pertinent to pupils who are receiving interventions and be an agent to close gaps in achievement.

#### **3ib) Giving effective feedback to pupils.**

Effective marking is a key tool in providing feedback to pupils in order that they are clear in what they can do well and what they need to do to improve.

It also forms part of formative assessment which is essential for teachers to refine and improve planning when teaching pupils so that they can swiftly move forward towards desired learning outcomes.

### **Effective feedback comes under three main headings;**

**Specific Achievement** feedback identifies specific aspects of successful attainment and or progress. This relates directly to the Learning Objective and the Pupil self-assessment made by the traffic light.

**Specific Improvement feedback** identifies where mistakes or misconceptions lie and how work can be improved.

**Specific Extension feedback** identifies where further understanding can be explored, to deepen learning and further extend higher order thinking.

When feedback is specific and provides opportunity for specific response, it enables effective progress to follow.

Well-constructed feedback tasks prompt effective response from pupils so to improve quality of work or reinforce learning. They should maintain challenge for individual pupils, yet be easily executed and brief in nature, enabling pupils to move forward, and be aware of how they are improving. For example, the challenge within the task may:

- Refine a teaching point to consolidate or reinforce understanding
- Extend understanding to deepen learning or raise to a higher level of thinking (including mastery)
- Address/explore misconceptions
- Pick up errors if apparent
- Address incomplete work and presentation issues
- Focus a need for practise – e.g. times tables, attention to place value, spellings, punctuation, grammar, letter/number formation.

### **Examples of feedback prompts can be found in Appendix 3**

When constructing feedback teachers need to consider:

1. Does feedback inform the pupil what they have done well and what they need to do to improve?
2. Does feedback relate to planned learning objectives and success criteria?

3. Can feedback be read clearly and understood?
4. Does feedback indicate a next step/improvement in learning?

### **3ic) The Frequency and Nature of Pupil Response to Feedback**

Work that is marked developmentally requires a response from the pupil.

Developmental marking is most effective when a well-crafted prompt/request for response is given and completed. Pupils need time to develop this skill from FS to Yr6 and throughout the school year appropriately.

**In each class effective time must be given to teaching pupils to respond to tasks swiftly. This process will look different developmentally across each year group, increasing with independence and complexity with maturity and skill of pupils.**

By the end of Year 2, most pupils should be able to locate, access and execute simple response tasks independently. They should know what they are doing to improve their learning. Pupils with SEN will need support to enable this.

Likewise tasks must be effective in improving work, yet brief in execution.

For some pupils in KS1 and where developmentally appropriate communication of the feedback will be increased by adults, until developmentally pupils are able to access this independently.

### **4 Role of other adults supporting**

Support staff when working with groups of pupils will write their comments on a post it note and leave it in the child's book for the teacher to use to mark the work. Support staff should indicate if the work produced was independent or supported on the post it note.

Supply teachers/PPA teachers who carry out work in the school are expected to 'lightly' mark all work as a minimum and in accordance with this policy. A condensed version will be given to all new supply teachers as part of the Staff Handbook (welcome pack) on arrival in the school.

### **5. Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the class teachers to ensure that this policy is consistently carried out, including enabling pupils to respond to feedback tasks.

It is the responsibility of all staff working with pupils to ensure the marking code is consistently adhered to across the school.

Each subject leader has the responsibility for monitoring that the policy is being consistently carried out in their particular subject area. Likewise the SENCo has responsibility to ensure the policy is appropriately adapted and implemented for SEN pupils.

It is the responsibility of the Assessment Leader (DHT), Teaching and Learning Assistant Head Teachers to liaise with the Subject Leaders and to feed back to the Head teacher and Governors on the implementation of the policy, its consistency across the school and the impact it has upon progress.

It is the responsibility of the Head teacher to ensure that effective marking and feedback is monitored and evaluated as part of the quality assurance of teaching and learning across the school.

## **6. Equality of Opportunity**

All pupils are entitled to have their work marked in accordance with this policy.

## **7. SEN and Inclusion**

At Roman Road Primary School we have a duty to provide reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils since 2002 (originally under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (the DDA) and, from October 2010, under the Equality Act 2010). Many of the reasonable adjustments that schools Roman Road School can make for disabled pupils undoubtedly include the use of some auxiliary aids, such as coloured layovers for dyslexic pupils, pen grips, adapted PE equipment, adapted keyboards and computer software.

Make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils so that they are fully able to participate in our school life and are not discouraged from playing a full part in the life of our school.

Effective feedback and marking must be accessible to all pupils and will reflect their individual needs and abilities. This may mean writing comments for specific pupils in an accessible colour, it may mean support pupils to read comments, it may mean recording verbal feedback and response. For some SEN pupils adults may need to scribe for pupils or they may need to use a computer for all stages of the writing process.

## **8. Presentation Expectations of staff.**

Remember – you are the most important role model for presentation and high expectations! Use the resources available to you e.g. on the IWB – lines, grids to model good practice.

In EYFS, KS1 and 2, all handwriting which is on display for the children – on the interactive whiteboard, books, flip charts, display – should be legible, consistently formed and neat. Year 2 should model both printed and joined as appropriate. Year 1 should be mainly



printed, but examples of joined writing should be used. School handwriting policy needs to be adhered to all times.

When sticking work/labels/headings in books, ensure they are straight and cut to size. No pieces of paper should stick out of the sides of the book. Keep use of worksheets to a minimum.

In Key Stage 1, Learning Objectives will be typed in Comic Sans and stuck into the children's books if appropriate.

## **9. Presentation Expectations of Children**

Use of pencils, pens and rubbers

Pencils should be used in all Maths books and in draft work if appropriate.

Pens should be used for written work as soon as possible from Year 2 onwards at the point where the teacher judges the child's handwriting to be sufficiently neat and fluent.

Pens must be black handwriting pens. No ballpoint, biros or felt pens should be used.

Pencils must be HB.

Felt pens should not be used in exercise books for underlining or illustrations although they can be used on paper at the teacher's discretion.

Rubbers may be used to rub single words and under the supervision of the teacher. All other mistakes should be crossed out with a single line using a ruler.

Rubbers will be available in Maths, art and for writing for displays at the teacher's discretion to rub out mistakes e.g. on graphs that cannot be easily crossed out.

For some SEN pupils adults may need to scribe for pupils or they may need to use a computer for all stages of the writing process.

From Y2 it is expected that pupils start joined writing, however for some pupils with SEN(Disability) they will still only be able to write by printing.

## **10. Presentation Non- Negotiables for Children**

### **Key Stage 1**

I will write the date on the left hand side at the top of my work.

I will write the LO on the left hand side (and underline it neatly using a ruler if I am in Year 2).

I will not leave blank pages in my books.

I will start a new piece of work on a clean page unless the previous day's work is less than half a page. If this is the case I will draw a neat line underneath my work and write the date and LO.

If I make a mistake I will put one neat line through it using a ruler.

I will write on the lines in my book.

In my maths books I/ support staff will draw a margin that is 2cm wide.

I will always write next to the margin.

I will use pencil in my Maths book.

I will write one digit in each square in my Maths book.

I will not miss lines in my writing unless the teacher has asked me to.

I will write the short date i.e. 5.9.16 in Maths and other subjects.

I will write the long date i.e. Monday 5th September 2016 in English and Extended Writing.

I will use pencil in my books unless my teacher says I can use a pen and I will not use felt pens or biros in my books.

I will not draw on any part of my book, including the covers.

I will form my letters and numbers correctly and keep my handwriting neat at all times.

In Year 2, I will miss a line before I start writing.

In Year 2, I will underline the date and title using a ruler, in pencil.

In Year 2 I should draw my own lines.

In year 2 I will traffic light my work with a small neat circle.

## **Key Stage 2**

I will write the date on the left hand side at the top of my work.

I will miss a line before I write my LO.

I will write the LO on the left of the line.

I will underline the date and title using a ruler.

I will write the short date i.e. 5.9.16 in Maths and other subjects.

I will write the long date i.e. Monday 5th September 2016 in English and Extended Writing.

I will not leave blank pages in my books.

I will write on the lines in my book.

In my maths books I will draw a margin that has 2 full squares.

I will start a new piece of work on a clean page unless the previous day's work is less than half a page. If this is the case I will draw a neat line underneath my work and write the date and LO.

If I make a mistake I will put one neat line through it with a ruler.

I will write on the lines in my book. I will always write next to the margin.

I will use pencil in my maths book.

All digits must be written neatly and clearly with one digit to each square.

I will traffic light my work with a small neat circle.

I can use handwriting pen in books when my teacher tells me to but I will not use felt pens or biros in my books.

I will not draw on any part of my book, including the front.

I will form my letters and numbers correctly and keep my handwriting neat at all times.

This policy was agreed and adopted at the meeting of the Governing Body of Roman Road Primary School.

## **8. Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring of the policy will be done through work scrutiny led by the SLT and subject leads as appropriate. It will be monitored for whole school consistency and evaluated for impact on pupils' outcomes.

SLT will also monitor the impact of developmental marking through work scrutiny in both maths and literacy as part of lesson observations to monitor the quality of teaching and learning in the school. In Foundation Stage this will also include scrutiny of observational

assessment and content of Learning Journeys. This will be triangulated with pupil interviews to ascertain how developmental marking supports them in understanding what they need to do to improve their learning and to make progress.

Work Scrutiny will be used to monitor consistency across the school and impact of the policy on pupil outcomes. Books will be monitored frequently and feedback will be given to individual teachers.





### **9. Policy Review**

This policy was agreed and adopted at the meeting of the Governing Body of Roman Road Primary School.

### **Appendix 1 Marking Code/Prompts (to be displayed in classrooms)**

#### **Marking Codes**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
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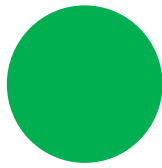
✓	Correct
●	Incorrect answer in mathematics
?	Incorrect / doesn't make sense
CL	Capital letter
FS	Full stop
SP	Spelling error
	Sound out word
	Finger space
	Write on the line
	One digit per square
//	Start a new paragraph
^	Insert missing word/text
<u>word underlined</u>	Spelling mistake
Correct spelling x3	Copy the correct spelling out 3 times

### Codes

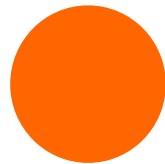
- IW independent work
- SW supported work
- VF verbal feedback
- JC initials for reviewer (person who is marking)
- ST supply teacher
- TA Child has received support from TA

### Appendix 2

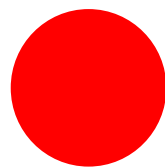
## **SELF ASSESS YOUR PROGRESS**



**I can do this!  
I'm ready to  
move on.**



**I'm almost there.  
I need extra help  
or practice.**



**I don't  
understand.  
I need more work  
on this.**

(Statements illustrate similarity of tasks/response requests across maths and writing)

*Writing Prompts*

*Read your work – can you add... (3 full stops, an adverbial which says where, a question mark, etc)*

*Try to find the sentence which needs to be changed /doesn't make sense and improve it.*

*How could you check this?*

*Now try these... (if activity writing about prompts/pictures/adding punctuation/Grammar)*

*Is there another way you could write this information?*

*Can you find a way you could write this in a shorter sentence?*

*Finish this sentence: .....*

*Fill in the blanks: .....*

*Highlight the sentence where you have used... (adverbials, connectives, correct punctuation, speech marks, persuasive language, etc)*

*Boom! This sentence by adding ...*

*Tell me 1/2/3 reasons why I should give you a Wow!*

*Maths Prompts*

*Look back at your work – can you add...(your method, a number line)*

*Can you find where you went wrong?*

*How could you check this?*

*Now try these... (extension questions/Consolidation questions)*

*If the answer was ..... What could the question be?*

*Is there another way you could do this?*

*Can you find a quicker way of doing this?*

*Finish this sentence: ..... (Explaining work)*

*Fill in the blanks: ....*

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*Highlight where you have used (column method, grid method, a strategy to check your answer, etc)*

*Tell me 1/2/3 reasons why I should give you a Wow!*

Tell me ... that have ...?

Tell me two sentences that have adverbials.

What ... would you use to...?

e.g. What word would you use show me what the character is feeling?

Please write another ... connective/sentence that shows me how the caterpillar moved.

Show me how you think this sentence would work with ...adverbials/connectives/ adjectives.

Verbal: Please talk me through what you have done so far.

Show me how you could write it with ... adverbials, connectives, punctuation?

What would happen if...?

What are the new words today? What do they mean?

What if you could only use...?

e.g. Short sentences, complex sentences, The adjectives for sight and sound?

What if you could not use...?

What if you could only use...?

Short sentences, simple sentences, the adjectives for sight?

Tell me ... that have ...?

Tell me two numbers that have a difference of 12.

What ... would you use to...?

e.g. What unit would you use to measure the width of the table?

What are the ... of ... ?

What are the factors of 42?

What is another ... method that might have worked?

Show me how you think this will work with ...other numbers/3 digit numbers?

Verbal: Please talk me through what you have done so far.

Show me how you could do it with ... simpler numbers ... fewer numbers ... using a number line?

What would happen if...?

e.g. What would happen if you started with 52?

What are the new words today? What do they mean? What maths words also mean...?

Would it work with different numbers?

What if you could only use ...?

e.g. Multiples of 5, 3 digit numbers, numbers less than 0?

What if you could not use...?

Multiples of 5, 3 digit numbers, numbers less than 0, one digit numbers?



