

**Cambois Primary School**

Feedback and Marking Policy

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It is our intention at Cambois Primary School that the marking policy should serve to assist in children’s progress and support teacher’s assessment for learning.

**BASIC PRINCIPLES**

1. Marking and feedback to children’s work needs to offer positive benefits to teachers, children and parents.
2. Verbal feedback has huge benefits and should be used as the main form of feedback especially with the youngest pupils in school. Verbal feedback should be concise and relevant to the learning taken place. (e.g. I love that you have ordered numbers to ten – next time can you order numbers to 15)
3. Marking helps to ensure that each child is enabled to develop fully. To this end all marking needs to be positive, constructive and show a way forward. If marking and feedback to not move learn forward then it should not be used.
4. Marking should be characterised by its fairness and consistency. It should reference the learning taking place and the intentions of that lesson.
5. Marking should have a target setting element with criteria for marking being established before work begins and marking is done
6. Marking and feedback needs to be selective both in terms of what needs to be highlighted for individuals and what is appropriate for them. It should reflect the needs and abilities of the children, at that time.
7. Some marking can be done with the child so that he/she can see what has been achieved and how to move forward. This should be recorded with the child.
8. Not all pieces of work need to be marked individually. There are occasions when children can mark their own or each other's work. Teachers may check work with a group of children, but each child’s work should be dated and initialled as recognition of marking, or verbal feedback.
9. Marking should indicate whether the work is independent or adult assisted. HMI codes show the level of assistance or support from a teacher or the use of a teacher assisted stamp should be used to show that the children have not achieved that learning independently.

**WHY DO WE MARK and why do we give back feedback?**

We mark children’s work:

* To identify/check and monitor progress.
* To provide appropriate feedback to children.
* To take each child further guidance and support in his/her learning.
* To improve each child’s confidence.
* To give encouragement.
* To provide evidence of assessments made for future learning
* To aid curriculum planning.
* To recognise and celebrate achievement.
* To identify the need for greater support or more challenging work.
* To involve parents in reviewing their child’s progress.
* To help in reporting to parents.
* To help children become more aware of the criteria for assessment.
* To help children to recognise important aspects of the work they are doing.

**HOW DO WE MARK?**

* Standards of presentation must be high – the beginning of each term and particularly the beginning of the school year standard should be set and feedback should be given to acknowledge this.
* Children’s work should not be smothered in comments and symbols but rather reinforce the learning intention. General comments need not be used.
* Children’s work, no matter how unacceptable, must not be removed from books – rather it must remain in order to allow comparison and to provide clear indications of progress made.
* Comments made must be intelligible to the children. Teachers handwriting must be legible and easy to read for all children. If comments have been made in ounger children;s books then these need ro be read to them so that it has purpose.
* Celebration assembly is the time to celebrate an outstanding piece of work, improved work or effort.
* Avoid negative words or comments in writing whenever possible. Bland ‘good girl/boy’ comments should never be used.
* Children should be encouraged to read their teacher’s comments and respond appropriately. If they are unable to read the comment, an adult should read it for them.
* Marking should be regular – no more than 2 pieces of work unmarked in one book at any one time.
* Verbal feedback should include a targeted comment. If oral feedback has been given, the piece of work should be marked **OF**.
* Children may be asked to practise high frequency words if they are spelt incorrectly.
* It should be stated if a piece of work has been supported.
* All marking will be carried out in green pen.
* Literacy and Numeracy marking should contain two areas of strength and one area for improvement – 2 stars and a wish.

How will feedback and monitoring be monitored

* Books and scrutiny of work will take place every half term.
* The Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher will speak to children about their learning, feedback and the marking in their books every half term as well,