



**Ysgol Gynradd Llanmartin
Primary School**

Feedback Policy

Rationale

Improving learning through assessment is aided by the provision of effective feedback to pupils who need to be able to assess themselves and understand how to improve. The marking of pupils' work is therefore an important part of teacher assessment.

All pupils' work is valued and marked regularly.

This policy sets out how staff at Llanmartin Primary School will ensure consistency throughout the school and shows that marking, at the school, is an integral part of our assessment procedures.

Effective Marking should:


- Provide clear feedback to pupils about the strengths and weaknesses in their work;
- Recognise, encourage and reward pupils' effort and progress;
- Provide a record of pupils' progress;
- Encourage pupils to strive to improve;
- Direct pupils to what they need to do to improve their work; and,
- Help parents, and other carers, to understand strengths and weaknesses in their children's work.

Marking Procedures

- Pupils' work that meets the lesson learning objective and success criteria will be highlighted in pink (tickled pink)
- Opportunities for pupils to improve the standard of their work will be identified in a green (green for growth) line drawn underneath in the original text and in the corrected pupil work. All development points will be written in green pen. TAs, Students and Supply teachers will also mark in green but **must** initial pupils' books.
- Pupils will be given the opportunity to respond to feedback during Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which will be timetabled in all classes.
- A balance of marking strategies will be used including:
 - Focussed marking of an extended writing activity ○
 - Welsh comments for praise, where appropriate ○
 - Self-assessment ○ Peer-assessment
- Teachers will use feedback from marking to inform future targets and planning;
- Good presentation is expected and **must** be marked;

- Marking will celebrate success whenever possible in order to raise self-esteem and encourage all children to work to their full potential;
- When work is not focused marked, a positive comment will be used to value the pupil's work completed not just a da, da iawn, gwyb, etc.

Pupils' work will be marked with the following codes in the margin, or nearby, to indicate an error. These are explained to all pupils:

Verbal Feedback	VF
Independent work	I
With Support	WS
Objective met	√
Objective met confidently	√√
Spelling correction	Sp
Start a new sentence	/
Start a new paragraph	//
Insert a missing word	^
Letter reversal	Correct the letter above
Incorrect letter case	 around the incorrect letter
Incorrect answers	dot ●

Examples of phrases that can be used in marking by all staff, can be seen in Appendix A (English) and Appendix B (Welsh)

Monitoring

Books will be monitored throughout the year by the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Senior Management Team Leaders and Subject Co-ordinators. Feedback will be given to all members of staff.

Examples of English phrases that can be used in marking

How could you make this story flow better?

Say more

Explain

Can you describe

Can you tell me more about

What did something feel/look like?

How did it make you feel?

Choose one of these or your own ...

Please can you find ...

What do you know about?

What observations did you make about?

How can you improve ...?

Can you tell me?

Can you think of a 'wow' word instead of?

How can you make More exciting?

Can you create your own ...?

What did he/she look like?

Write 3 more sentences about

Practise spelling these words ... Practise
handwriting

Can you think of another word instead of?

Can you change the sentence starter?

Can you improve the beginning of the story, so it 'grips' your reader straight away?

Can you start the sentence with an adverb?

Can you go back and add full stops/capital letters to your work?

Can you read through your work and add punctuation to improve your work?

APPENDIX B Examples of Welsh Phrases that can be used in marking

Welsh phrase	English translation
Tro nesa...	Next time...
Tro nesa dw i eisiau gweld...	Next time I want to see ...
Cofia ...	Remember ...
Beth am?	What about ...?
Ble mae'r ...?	Where is ...?
Dw i'n hoffi ... yn fawr iawn	I like ... very much
Wyt ti'n gallu...?	Can you ...?
Gwaith bendigedig	Wonderful work
Gwaith ardderchog	Excellent work
Da iawn	Very good
Dal ati!	Keep at it!
Gwaith da	Good Work
Ymdrech arbennig	Excellent effort
Ymdrech dda	Good try
Llun hyfryd	Lovely picture
Anniben	Untidy
Diddorol	Interesting
Cymer ofal gyda sillafu	Be careful with your spelling