



Ysgol Gynradd Llanmartin Primary School

Marking Policy

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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 pupil's 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 intend to ensure 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 pupil's effort and progress;
- Provide a record of pupil's 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 highlighted in green (green for growth). All development points will be written in green pen. TAs, Students and Supply teachers will also mark in green but **must** initial pupils' books. See Appendix I for prompts.
- Pupils will respond to feedback in purple.
- A balance of marking strategies will be used including:
 - Focussed marking of an extended writing activity weekly
 - Welsh comments for praise where appropriate
 - Self-assessment
 - Peer-assessment
- DIRT (Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time) will be timetabled in all classes to allow pupils to effectively respond to focussed marking.
- 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 completed work, not just a da, da iawn, gwyh, 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:

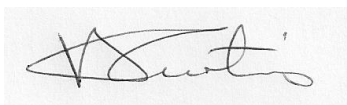
Verbal Feedback	VF
Independent work	I
With Support	WS
Objective met	√
Objective met confidently	√√
Spelling correction	Sp
Start a new sentence	/
Start a new paragraph	//
Insert a missing word	^
Letter reversal	Correct the letter above
Incorrect letter case	 around the incorrect letter
Incorrect answers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

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.

Signed:

Head teacher



Date: 28th September 2016

Chair of Governors



Date: 28th September 2016

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?

Examples of Welsh Phrases to can be used in marking (to be displayed in classrooms)

Bendigedig = *Wonderful*

Ardderchog = *Excellent*

Da iawn = *Very good*

Da = *Good*

Gwaith da = *Good work*

Gweddol = *Fair*

Ymdrech dda = *Good try*

Llun hyfryd = *Lovely picture*

Gwaith taclus = *Neat work*

Anniben = *Untidy*

Diddorol = *Interesting*

Doniol = *Funny*