



## The Hampshire School C H E L S E A

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#### **MARKING POLICY**

Pre-School, Pre-Preparatory and Preparatory comply with this Policy and Guidance

#### **OUR SCHOOL AIMS AND THE FIVE CORE VALUES**

- To develop pupils' self-esteem, **resilience** and well-being through the application of a growth mindset to learning.
- To create an atmosphere of mutual **respect** and consideration for the ideas, values and feelings of others.
- To value and develop strong partnerships with our parents and the wider **community**.
- To inspire a love of learning and encourage the use of key thinking skills across the curriculum and school life so that every pupil strives for personal and academic **excellence**.
- To encourage **responsibility** in every pupil so they can confidently make decisions and choices for themselves.

## Marking Policy

### Introduction

A consistent approach to marking across the whole school, which is age and ability appropriate, will yield the best results. At the Hampshire School Chelsea, we believe that pupils' self-esteem and resilience will develop through positive yet challenging feedback that is based on our desire to implement rigour and challenge through all teaching and learning. Furthermore, the use of 'Growth Mindset' language in both verbal and written feedback will encourage pupils to accelerate their progress via self-reflection, valuing hard work and viewing mistakes as portals to learning. Therefore, all marking and feedback is underpinned by this policy which all pupils and staff follow on a day to day basis.

Quality feedback includes:

- Verbal feedback
- Teacher Assessment
- Self-Assessment
- Peer Assessment

### Verbal Feedback

Verbal feedback and dialogue should be embedded within every session. It should be specific to the success criteria and should identify both positives and next steps so that the child has a clear understanding of how to move their learning forward. Every pupil should receive verbal feedback on a regular basis. When this is given, a 'V' will be recorded next to the piece of learning. During learning walks, pupils will be expected to discuss such feedback and how they are improving their written work.

### All Subject Feedback and Assessment

To encourage further progress, positive comments about the pupil's work linking and reflecting on how the child has achieved the Learning Objective, should be identified either by highlighting in yellow (see below) or making reference to a good sentence, word, paragraph etc. either in the margin alongside the work or at the final comments at the end of the work. For example, if the Learning Objective was to use commas in a list, at least one of your comments should reflect that objective: "You have begun to use commas in a list and..."

All significant written work should identify key corrections for the pupil in order to drive the development of written English across the school. Pupils should then read and make the corrections according to this. This should occur during a designated improvement time. These developments should be linked to the non-negotiables for the specific year group with a focus on the following aspects:

- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Spelling
- Sentence Structure
- High Level Vocabulary
- Paragraph

Where it is required, teachers should comment on the presentation of work to ensure that pupils understand the importance of presenting their work to a high standard consistently.

Comments should be specific, linking to the learning objective, rather than just general comments such as 'good work' or 'well done.'

**Success criteria should be highlighted following this system:**

**Green** The teacher must highlight/tick in green the success criteria which have been met. In Pre-School and KS1 the symbols below should be used when marking in depth to support pupils' independence.

**Pink** The teacher should always identify a next step in learning. Success criteria should be highlighted if they have **not** been met in pink. In Pre-School and KS1, the marking symbols below should be used to indicate these next steps.

**Yellow** Celebration of excellent work/aspect.

**Lesson Objective**

In every lesson, the Lesson Objective must be clear and understood by all the pupils and the success criteria well-defined. If the success criteria has been met, teachers should use a **green pen** to highlight/tick the objective as being achieved or highlighted pink if not. Green pen should also be used to correct pupil's learning e.g. spelling, grammar etc – see Marking Code below.

Moving on comments should be used in pupils work (roughly twice a week) to move or extend a pupils' learning within the Learning Objective (see DIRT section).

Self-assessment may be completed by the pupils in **purple pen** as pupils benefit from marking their own work; however, this should then be further assessed and agreed (using a **green pen** tick or question mark system) by the teacher.

Within the Pre-School, marking is an individualised process whereby pupils are given immediate verbal feedback which they then respond to as part of the lesson. The 'star' and 'next steps' will be evidenced in writing by the teacher in their English folder (Reception). Where applicable, teachers may set an additional task, at the bottom of the page, to support the pupil with their next step.

**Maths Specific Feedback, Marking and Assessment**

All calculations should be marked correct or 'think again', using **green ticks** or **green question marks** to encourage the pupil to think about a new strategy rather than it just being 'wrong' and an end point. In every lesson, the success criteria should then either be highlighted/ticked in green (where they have been achieved) or highlighted pink if not.

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**Self-Assessment (SA)**

In Key Stage 1, pupils should be taught to self-assess in a meaningful way, against the success criteria. By the end of Year 2, the pupils should be able to self-assess regularly. By the end of Year 6, pupils will self-assess about three times per week.

All self-assessment should be monitored by the Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant. To self-assess, the pupils should tick the success criteria (using **purple pen** or use a colour key) which they feel they have achieved and find evidence of this in their work, which they also underline neatly in **purple pen** or a colour key, using a ruler. The pupils should then have the opportunity to identify their own next step by writing it at the end of their work or circle the success criteria that they have not met in **purple pen**.

**Peer Assessment**

In Key Stage 1, pupils should be taught to peer-assess in a meaningful way, against the success criteria. By the end of Key Stage 2 pupils will peer-assess regularly in all subjects. Again, all peer assessment should be moderated by the

Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant. Peer Assessment should follow the same procedure as Self-Assessment. The pupil should initial their peer assessment in pencil to identify who has assessed the work.

### Dedicated Improvement Time (DIRT)

Teachers should allocate Dedicated Review Improvement Time for the pupils to reflect on their feedback and respond to their moving on comments and errors using **purple pen**. For example, as well as responding to the teachers moving on comments, pupils may correct their spellings, grammar mistakes, improve a sentence/word or practice joining letters that the Teacher/TA has identified in their work to improve.

### Pre-School Learning Journals/ folders

Learning journals should be completed regularly by staff. Each page should be dated with the month and year and each piece of work added should be accompanied by the appropriate 'development matters' statement. If a piece of work needs additional context, a short sentence should be written to provide the context. All writing should be in black fine liner marker. Work selected must show clear progression on skills and reflect all areas of the curriculum.

Writing and maths folders should be marked with the children. Children should always be given verbal feedback. Success criteria should be highlighted when achieved and the next step to be written on the work. In writing folders, yellow highlighter should be used to celebrate excellent elements within the work. Evidence of the children working on their next step may be demonstrated by small additional tasks supported by the teacher at the bottom/ back of the work.

### Pre-School Tapestry app/ next step board

All Pre-School staff should complete individual/ group observations on each child per week. The observations taken are shared with parents. Parents are also encouraged to contribute to observations to allow a holistic approach in the assessment of pre-school pupils. Following the observation, staff should note each child's next step on the next step board in the classroom.

### SEND

Marking should be adjusted accordingly for pupils with SEND. The work produced should be marked first and foremost for content not 'technicalities'. Spelling- commend the child for producing phonically plausible word attempts or using standardised rules. Pick out key misspelled words (a maximum of three) which the child should know or which have been the key vocabulary focus during that lesson. Presentation - commend the pupil for producing work that is completed to the best of their abilities and in line with the recommendations made by specialists e.g. Occupational Therapist. Feedback - oral feedback, in many cases, is a powerful way to point out successes and improvements and it is often favoured by those with SEND; written feedback should be 'child friendly' and very legible. One achievable target for the child to implement in their next piece of work should be set.

## Marking Symbols

### Pre-School (Nursery and Reception)

V	Verbal Feedback
I	Independent Work
WS	With support
DM	Development matters
PSA	Pupil Self -Assessment
PPA	Pupil Peer Assessment

### Pre-Prep and Prep (Year One – Year Eight) – all subjects

V	Verbal Feedback
HP	House Point

I	Independent Work
WS	With Support
NS or →	Next Step/Target
? or a circle	Not correct – check/think again
Highlight or ✓	Success Criteria Achieved
Highlight	Success Criteria not achieved – ‘think again’
Highlight or ✓	Lesson Objective achieved
//	New Paragraph
*sp	Spelling (no more than three per piece of work – may depend on child)
*G	Grammar
*P	Punctuation
*H	Handwriting
Highlight	Work that can be celebrated e.g. an impressive sentence, excellent vocabulary etc.

\* symbol to be written in the margin of the line that the error has been made. Depending on the level of the child, the Teacher or Teacher Assistant decides whether to identify the mistake made in that line by underlining the mistake (in **green pen**) or gives the pupil the chance to identify the mistake for themselves, which they then correct in **purple pen**.