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Dear Y1, Y3 and Y4 parents

Re: marking policy update - Fast Feedback

As a school we are always revising our policies and looking at the learning opportunities we provide so that our pupils receive an outstanding educational experience. One area we have been reviewing is our marking policy. We wanted to develop an approach where the children have more instant feedback about their learning and take an active role in identifying their own progress and areas where they need to further improve. We have decided to trail a system called 'Fast Feedback'. We are currently working with another school who have successfully implemented this Fast Feedback marking system. We have decided to trial Fast Feedback in years 1, 3 and 4 in literacy only.

The outline of Fast Feedback is where teachers prepare a toolkit of skills for children to use within a lesson, then at the end of the lesson they go back over their learning and they mark their own work to see if they have included the skills and identify what they could do to improve. Teaching staff move around the classroom providing instant verbal feedback to the children. Books are looked at each day and any children who need extra support will have a conference with the teacher the next day to go over a main skill.

When you look at your child's literacy book, you will see how this Fast Feedback system works i.e. there will be no teacher marking or comments as this has been done in the lesson. We are trialling this approach to see the impact it has on the children's learning and how they respond to the verbal feedback. Later this term we will review this system and will make a decision if we will continue with this approach and introduce it for marking in other subjects. We will keep you updated on how this initiative develops.

Yours sincerely

Ms T McBride

Head teacher