



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing to inform you of changes the school has made since January 2019 in relation to the marking of pupil books throughout the school.

As a school we recognise the importance of feedback as an integral part of the teaching and learning cycle but we are also mindful of the research surrounding effective feedback and the workload implications of written marking. With this in mind with effect from January 2019 we have adopted a 'minimal marking policy'.

In terms of the children's work the majority of their work will be marked with a tick, however there may be occasions when the teacher has used their professional judgement and either added a comment or asked the pupil to write out some incorrect spellings. Formative assessment as always continues within the lesson and pupils are given verbal feedback where appropriate.

In order to ensure that misconceptions are addressed with children in a timely manner, the teachers review the day's teaching at the end of each school day. They will then annotate their teacher, 'Feedback and Marking book' which will identify those pupils who need further support. This may also take the form of pre – teaching before the next lesson. Assembly time is allocated on a daily basis in order for this instant form of feedback to take place.

As a school we have reviewed this policy and will continue to do so as the year progresses, but we are confident that this has had a positive impact on the learning of the children and on the wellbeing of teachers.

If you have any further questions, please do speak to your child's teacher at the Parent Consultation Evening.

Yours sincerely

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