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Dear Parent/ Carer

School Marking Policy – January 2018

I am writing to you to inform you of changes to our marking policy and what marking you will see in your child's exercise books.

We believe that rewarding students for the effort they are putting into their work rather than the outcome, is extremely important to develop their confidence, resilience and love of learning. We also believe that by providing well planned, targeted support to develop understanding of weaker areas, students will make faster progress in their subject knowledge. Therefore, from January teachers will mark books in red pen with a literacy focus. You will see symbols next to errors such as spelling and grammar and students will be asked to correct the mistakes in green pen. Staff will mark students' books with a number (1, 2 or 3), this number represents an effort grade. We recognise that every child has a different ability and end target and we know that, whatever their ability and target, great effort will ensure they are successful, therefore when a student exceeds expectation for their own personal ability, they will be given a 1 and receive a merit. A 2 will show a student they are working at expected level and a 3 will show the child has not put sufficient effort into their work to meet their expected standard. When a child receives a 3, they will be expected to improve the book work during lunch time, with their teacher or subject leader.

Teachers will identify the key areas for improvement, this will be logged centrally and not in their books. This means you will not see lots of red pen writing in every book. Teachers will plan ways to ensure students improve on the identified area and students will complete this improvement work in green pen. Personalised feedback will be given in the form of an assessment grid. The grid will be highlighted to show each student what their strengths and areas for improvement are.

We welcome your feedback and questions regarding the changes we will be making to the marking policy. Please take time to read the frequently asked questions feedback, we hope this will help to clarify the changes and how this will impact your child in their lessons.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Smith
Deputy Headteacher

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