## South Hill Primary School



# Feedback Policy

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At South Hill Primary School, we recognise the **importance of feedback** to **enhance pupil progress** and **further our pupils' learning**. We believe that **quality first teaching**, alongside **strong pastoral relationships**, is the best way to achieve **good academic progress** and that feedback has a **crucial role to play in this process**.

Feedback should have the **sole focus of furthering children's learning**, both as a group and as individuals, and should:

- be meaningful, manageable and motivating
- be specific, accurate and clear
- redirect or refocus the learner's actions to achieve a specific goal
- provide opportunities for pupils to edit and improve their own work
- promote independence and enable pupils to take an increasing responsibility for their own learning
- provide specific guidance on how to improve
- give an **appropriate level of challenge** to all pupils in lessons
- include **peer to peer** marking in KS2, using purple polishing pens

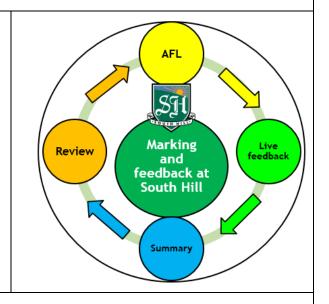
#### Marking and feedback at South Hill

Feedback is given **continually** at South Hill and occurs **throughout** the four common stages of the learning process:

- 1. AFL
- 2. Live feedback
- 3. Summary
- 4. Review

We believe feedback is **most effective** when it is delivered **closest to the point of action** and when it is given **specifically and directly to an individual pupil or group of children**.

Therefore, in all Key stages, verbal feedback will be the primary focus, with 'Green pen marking' also used, where needed.



#### Verbal <u>feedback</u>

**Verbal feedback** is used 'at the time of impact' when a Teacher or Teaching Assistant is working with an individual pupil or with a small group and **is in direct conversation with them about their learning**. This feedback is used to directly move learning on. This may be to **address a misconception**, **redirect or refocus**, **or to challenge or extend**, with the **emphasis being on the 'impact**' of this **direct teaching**.

In books, 'Verbal feedback' is signalled by the adult by the letters 'VF' and a word or short phrase to describe what conversation they had with the pupil (for example 'VF – Place Value, VF – Full stops). The impact of this is measured by what the learner then does in response. This should show that they have taken on board the quality first teaching provided and used this to improve their own work independently.

#### Green pen marking

Green pen marking is used during a lesson or after a lesson, including use of the 'South Hill marking code'. This type of feedback allows the adult to help moving learning forward by reflecting on what has been achieved and what steps need to be taken in the future.

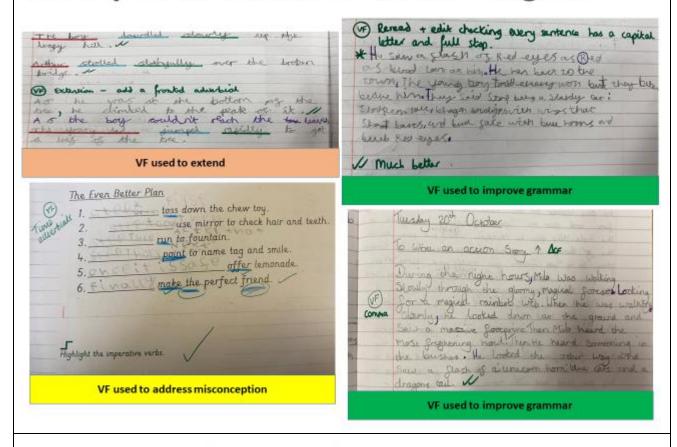
For example, this could be **modelling a spelling pattern or letter formation**, **giving a sentence starter or giving an extension task**, **giving next steps**, **modelling a cherry diagram or number bond etc or used to recognise good work and to praise pupils**.

All teacher and TA's will use a **green** pen to write both types of feedback in books, as well as **assessment after a lesson using the 'Assessment code' triangle.** 

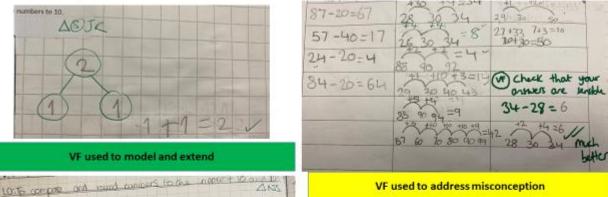
Where a PRE or WTS pupil has listened to the input of a lesson but then the task has been personalised or completely adapted to their learning needs, the code 'TW' (Targeted work) will be used to signal this.

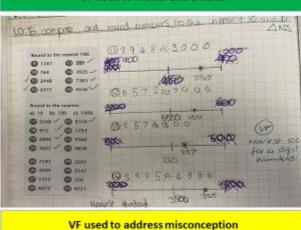
#### Verbal feedback examples

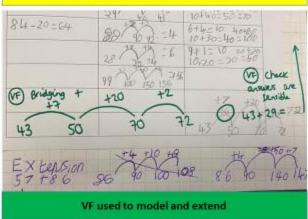
## Examples of verbal feedback - English



## Examples of verbal feedback - Maths

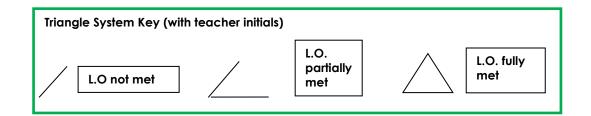






## Appendix 1: Assessment Code

All written subject books are marked every lesson, in conjunction with our 'Feedback' and 'Presentation' policies. They are assessed and initialled by the teacher.



## **Marking code**

Where written feedback is needed, Teachers may use the following marking code.

✓ This is good.	√√ This is excellent
<i>&gt;</i>	Does this make sense? Re-read and correct your work
Sp	Spelling mistake Spelling given by teacher (UKS2 to use a dictionary) and pupil to write out x 3
	Circle letter Incorrect use of upper or lowercase letter
Р	Missing punctuation Find out what the missing punctuation is and correct
/	Space needed Remember to leave a finger space in between each word
//	New paragraph/new line needed
VF	Verbal feedback My teacher has talked to me about my work during or after the lesson
	(pre- teaching and over- learning)
S	I had help from an adult
ı	I did this work independently (when normally supported)
тw	Targeted work (that is personalised and may not be the same learning objective as the class)
N.S	<b>Next step</b> - What I need to do to improve my work. These should be completed the following lesson or after the lesson
НР	House point to celebrate good work