



Tuesday 20th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Marking policy

When you look in your children's books at Child Shows Parent this week, you may notice that they are starting to use purple pens in Years 2-5, when responding to a teacher's marking comments or when editing their work.

You will already be aware that our marking policy uses pink and green highlighters to show the children what they have done well and what they could improve in their work. When the children get their books out in lessons, they are encouraged to look at the marking for their last piece of work and respond to the 'green' comments, which are always designed to move them on in their learning.

The use of the purple pens is a new extension of that policy, referred to as 'Purple Polishing'. Every class now has a set of purple gel pens which the children use when editing and improving their work, either in response to the teacher's 'green' comment or because they have been asked to look back through their work and try to improve it before handing it in.

We are very pleased with the enthusiastic way the children have received this new initiative and teachers are already giving us positive feedback about the way it is helping them see the steps in the children's learning.

Regards.

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Head Teacher

