

**St Nicholas CE VA Primary School*****Vision Statement:***

'At St Nicholas we nurture everyone **to be the best we can be**, in a caring and inclusive Christian environment.'

**UNCRC Article 29:** All children have the right to learning that allows you to become the best that you can be.'

**Marking Policy**

At St Nicholas Primary school we believe that marking and feedback has three main purposes:

**To help pupils:**

- Understand what they have done well
- Understand how to improve
- Make visible signs of improvement as a result of feedback.

To achieve this we offer clear and specific comments (verbal and / or written). This guidance comes in many forms.

- Questions
- Instructions
- Challenge
- Diagrams
- Reminders
- Assessment for Learning— children are helped to identify improvements in their own and others work at an age appropriate level.

**The methods of marking** used throughout the school may differ, depending on where the children are in the teaching sequence, their age and ability. However, although approaches may differ, the three purposes of marking should be evident in all classes to ensure a **consistency in quality** throughout the school.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants **ensure time is given to act upon the guidance** so that pupils make improvements and understanding is reinforced and deepened.

At St Nicholas we also mark and comment on pupil's attitudes to learning, their ability to reflect, work collaboratively, persevere, take risks and display resourcefulness. We believe these attitudes are fundamental in ensuring children become confident life – long learners.

**Evaluation**

Frequent work scrutiny and discussions with pupils and teachers are undertaken by the Senior Leadership Team to ensure the three purposes of marking are of a consistently high standard throughout the school .

Agreed Symbols (Appendix 1)

# Appendix One

## Symbols

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Verbal Feedback

**PINK HIGHLIGHTER MEANS "THINK!"**

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Next Review June 2018

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