



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents or Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes we have made to our marking and feedback procedures at St. Bernadette's. Our Trust recently brought out a Marking and Feedback Toolkit for all its academies to follow. The toolkit is based on educational research and consists of a range of evidence-based strategies to support teachers and provide effective feedback to pupils. The aim of this toolkit is to move pupils' learning forward effectively and advance pupil progress.

Teachers will continue to move around the class during lessons, marking and giving feedback to pupils. This will enable teachers to pick up and deal with any misconceptions and then give immediate whole-class feedback at the end of the lesson. This feedback will now take place verbally rather than written in pupils' books. Research shows written feedback does not move forward into pupils' future learning and that immediate feedback has more of an impact and helps to deepen understanding.

Pupils will also have the opportunity to consider how they themselves and their peers have achieved during the lesson and this will help them to understand where they need to go next with their learning. Pupils will continue to be praised for their efforts and rewarded with merits for good work.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs. E. McIlvaney
Assessment Leader

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