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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our drive to improve the effectiveness of the feedback that we are giving to students, we are making a change to our marking, feedback and assessment policy (see attached). The changes have been designed to ensure that students are actively engaged in their learning and are using feedback to improve. As a result of these changes, marking is likely to look different in each of their subjects. This change is supported by educational research which has shown that marking needs to be customised to different subjects in order for it to be most useful to students.

Staff in all subjects will provide detailed written feedback on key pieces of work to ensure that every student knows what they can do and what they need to do to improve. Smaller pieces of work will not have been marked by members of staff. Maintenance marking (so called 'tick and flick') can be misleading to students and has been shown to have no impact on their progress. Research has also shown that having too many targets from lots of small pieces of work can be confusing to students. The smaller pieces of work will still have been seen by staff and will feed into the detailed feedback given to each student.

As with all our policies, we will monitor the impact of these changes to ensure that student outcomes are not compromised.

If you feel that the new marking, feedback and assessment policy does not allow your child to understand what they can do and what they need to do to improve then please contact the school via your child's Year Leader who will investigate your concerns.

Many thanks again for all your support,

Mr J. Topham
Headteacher



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