



BREDENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Assessment Policy
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Introduction

We believe that effective assessment is an essential element of effective teaching and learning, and provides crucial information without which teaching cannot be appropriately focused on the needs of learners. We use two different but complementary types of assessment: assessment **for** learning and assessment **of** learning.

Assessment for Learning (AfL) is a type of formative assessment, in that it involves a judgement about what the pupil has successfully learned and what the next developmental steps in their learning should be. It therefore informs and directs the teacher's planning, and is used in the classroom to raise pupils' achievement. The sharing of learning objectives with pupils is an important part of AfL, and is based on the idea that pupils will learn most effectively if they understand the aim of their learning, how they have progressed towards that aim, and what they need to learn next in order to achieve it. This principle applies equally to all learners.

Assessment of Learning refers to summative assessment and involves judging pupils' learning and attainment against their own and national standards. Teachers may make these judgements at the end of a unit of work, at the end of each term, and at the end of a key stage. Tests are a straightforward form of summative assessment, though teachers' ongoing assessments of pupils' progress in terms of National Curriculum expectation.

We give our children regular feedback on their learning so that they understand what it is that they need to improve or to learn next. Such feedback will be both oral and written (marking). Research has shown that pupils' involvement in the process of assessing their own learning (self-assessment) raises standards and empowers pupils to take action towards improving their achievement.

Aims and objectives

The purpose of assessment in our school is:

- to enable teachers to plan work that accurately addresses the learning needs of each pupil, by ascertaining what they need to learn next;
- to enable teachers to record the attainment and progress of pupils;
- to increase pupils' motivation by celebrating their learning achievements and enabling them to understand what they have learned and what they need to learn next;
- to help pupils recognise the standards they are aiming for, and to understand the criteria of effective learning and achievement;
 - to enable teachers to provide regular information for parents and carers about their child's progress in learning and enable them to support their child's education;
 - to provide the Leadership team and governors with information that allows them to make judgements about the effectiveness of teaching and learning in the school.

Assessment and Recording

- Teachers use assessment for learning (AfL) to provide on-going assessment, through the use of focused marking and/or observations of children's work against learning objectives. This information is then used to assess progress towards meeting learning targets and to identify and set next step targets for each

child. Teachers take part in live markings in the majority of lessons, enabling in the moment, instant feedback to pupils, allowing the learning to be tailored to the individual's needs.

- Formative Assessment is made by class teachers and other adults involved with each child to record other important information about the progress of children in the class.
- A variety of tests are timetabled throughout the school year. These assessments are used to assess age related attainment, progress and gaps in learning.
- The SEN Register and Interventions ensure that children with identified special educational needs and those children not making expected progress are supported appropriately and their needs assessed regularly. Children with personalised plans (with or without an EHCP), have their outcomes tracked and evaluated. This ensures progress is made and suitable next steps of learning are planned. See the SEN policy for further details for children on the SEN register. Specific assessments are carried out with children to identify additional needs.
- Assessment is recorded on Insight and Bromcom

Bredenbury's Year Group Summative Assessment Requirements

| By Year Group | Assessment Requirements | When | Statutory Requirements |
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| Reception | As above plus 'Reception baseline' | Once induction is complete (within first 6 weeks) | LA informed of outcome November |
| Year 1 | Reading – RWI assessments (every few weeks) Maths – Whiterose 2 papers (arithmetic and reasoning) Writing – Whole school independent focus piece marked against end of year expectations (attached) Spelling 20 question test/Nfer | Termly | June Y1 Phonics Screening |
| Year 2 | Reading – Nfer/SATS Maths – Whiterose 2 papers (arithmetic and reasoning)/ SATS Writing – Whole school independent focus piece marked against end of year expectations (attached) Spelling 20 question test/Nfer | Termly | June: Phonics retakes |
| Year 3 | Reading – Nfer Maths – Whiterose 2 papers (arithmetic and reasoning) Writing – Whole school independent focus piece marked against end of year expectations (attached) Spelling 20 question test/Nfer | Termly | |
| Year 4 | Reading – Nfer Maths – Whiterose 2 papers (arithmetic and reasoning) Writing – Whole school independent focus piece marked against end of year expectations (attached) Spelling 20 question test/Nfer | Termly | June: Multiplication Check |
| Year 5 | Reading – Nfer Maths – Whiterose 2 papers (arithmetic and reasoning) Writing – Whole school independent focus piece marked against end of year expectations (attached) Spelling 20 question test/Nfer | Termly | |

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| Year 6 | Reading – Nfer/SATS Maths – Whiterose 2 papers (arithmetic and reasoning)/ SATS Writing – Whole school independent focus piece marked against end of year expectations (attached) Spelling 20 question test/Nfer | Termly | May: SATS LA and Gov.UK informed of results |
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