

Assessment Policy

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1. Rationale

Assessment is a continuous process, which is integral to teaching and learning, allowing children to achieve their true potential.

Assessment is seen as: "the process of seeking and interpreting evidence for use by learners and their teachers to decide where the learners are in their learning, where they need to go and how best to get there."

Assessment for Learning: Assessment Reform Group 2002.

At Repton Manor Primary School "leaders understand the limitations of assessment and do not use it in a way that creates unnecessary burdens on staff or pupils" (Ofsted, September 2022).

We welcome the contributions and recommendations made in Making Data Work (DfE, November 2018) and our approach is in close accordance with union guidance that systems must:

 Contribute to work to sustain downward pressure on teacher and school leader workload:

- Allow teachers to make effective use of their professional skills and expertise to evaluate pupils' learning on a day-to-day basis and to tailor their teaching accordingly;
- permit schools to undertake streamlined evaluations of pupils' learning at the end of a teaching unit or period.

2. Aims

The school uses assessment to:

- Gather information about the performance of individual children, groups and cohorts in order to inform target setting and to monitor progress.
- Provide information to inform the school's strategic planning.
- Gather information to inform teachers' planning.
- Track individual, group and cohort progress.
- Allow children to be involved in their own learning.
- Inform the Governing Body of the school's standards and achievement.
- Recognise the positive achievements of a child and plan their next steps.
- Identify learning difficulties quickly and ensure that appropriate help is given.
- Record systematically the overall achievements of the child.
- Monitor the school and child's achievements.
- Meet the legal requirements for record keeping, assessing and reporting.

3. Effective Assessment

At Repton Manor Primary School we believe that effective assessment:

- Offers all children an opportunity to show what they know, what skills they have acquired, what they understand and what they need to do to improve.
- Enables teachers to plan more effectively.
- Helps parents be involved in their children's progress.
- Provides the school with information to evaluate learning and to set suitable targets.

4. Coordination of Assessment

Our Phase Leaders work closely with the Head of School and the Deputy Headteacher to ensure that progress is being monitored closely throughout the school.

Our Core Subject Leaders for Reading, Writing and GPS and Maths also track the progress of pupils throughout the school.

Our Foundation Subject Coordinators monitor progress through looking at books, using pupil voice and analysing internal data at the end of each year.

Reports are presented to the Governors to highlight pupil progress.

5. Key Features of Assessment at Repton Manor

Day to day (Assessment for Learning/ AFL/ Formative Assessment)

Assessment for learning focuses on how children learn and is central to classroom practice and planning. Learning outcomes are shared with pupils and teachers discuss with pupils how learning outcomes can be achieved. AfL takes place on a daily basis and is integral to teaching and learning. Peer and self-assessment is encouraged throughout the school.

Periodic

This gives a broader view of progress for the teacher and learner using national standards and expectations.

Periodic assessments occur at the end of Term 2, 4 and 6 in Reading, Writing, GPS and Maths.

In school moderation occurs seasonally and inter-school moderation occurs annually. We attend EYFS, KS1 and KS2 moderation at county level.

Transitional

This is the formal recognition of achievement:

- Completion of Foundation Stage Profile
- Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs
- Y1 Phonics
- Interim and end of year reports
- Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

6. Management Information Systems

At Repton Manor Primary School we use Arbor to record and track pupil progress of all pupils.

Teacher Assessments are recorded at the end of Terms 2, 4 and 6 for Reading, Writing, GPS and Maths and these are informed by NFER Tests or Past SATs papers for Years 2 and 6.

Phonics assessments are recorded on the Read Write Inc Assessment Tracker.

Pupil progress is monitored each term and Pupil Progress Meetings are held during Term 1, 3 and 5 (Terms 2, 3 and 4 for EYFS).

Children's learning is assessed against the statements of knowledge and skills within our subject frameworks for every subject. Learning is collated within books and on Tapestry for all children from Year R to Year 6. Parents have access to their children's Tapestry account.

We record a summative Teacher Assessment at the end of every school year for all foundation subjects.

At the end of term 2, 4 and 6 SLT/subject leaders analyse individual, group and cohort pupil progress throughout the school, although any of these activities may occur at any point throughout the school year.

7. Target Setting

Target Setting (EYFS, KS1 and KS2)

Targets are set for the end of EYFS, the Phonics Screening Check, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, the end of Key Stage One and the end of Key Stage Two.

They are based on:

- The professional judgement of the EYFS Phase Leader (for predicted GLD % target)
- Reception phonics assessments for the Phonics Screening Check
- Year 3 baseline TTRS practice multiplication tables checks and heat maps
- Fisher Family Trust Aspire (FFT) for Key Stage One and Two

Reported Targets

Every child is set a target each school year for Reading, Writing, GPS and Maths. Targets are set inline with FFT 20 targets. Targets are set by SLT, agreed with teachers and then presented to the Governing Body and agreed through the ratification of the School Improvement Plan. Some children have adjusted targets recorded on Arbor if they have already exceeded their FFT 20 target.

8. Pupil Progress and Inclusion Meetings

Summative assessments, including testing using NFER tests and past SATs papers, will take place before Pupil Progress Meetings and related data drops.

Children's phonics ability is assessed using termly Read Write Inc assessments.

Additional information and data is provided to teaching staff through Spelling Shed task feedback, Times Table Rock Stars task feedback, Mathletics task feedback and quizzes completed via Accelerated Reader.

The results of these summative assessments are used to inform our Teacher Assessments.

Pupil Progress Meetings are designed so that individual pupils' progress can be discussed with SLT and class teachers. This ensures accountability. Pupil Progress Meetings take place during Term 1, 3 and 5 for all year groups except Year R who have theirs in Term 2, 3 and 4. Teachers complete grids prior to the meeting highlighting interventions, impact and areas of concern.

Teachers are asked to state whether they believe pupils are:

- Working Above Age Related Expectation (GDS)
- Working At Age Related Expectation (EXS)
- Working Towards Age Related Expectation (WTS)
- Working Below Age Related Expectation (WBS)

If a child is Working Below Age Related Expectation (WBS), teachers are asked to state which year groups curriculum the child is working at.

In order to make these judgements teachers consider whether pupils are able to access the age appropriate curriculum, using a range of evidence and asking questions:

- Do children achieve learning outcomes as indicated by, for example, whether they have met the learning intention set for each lesson?
- Are children achieving the skills and knowledge outlined in our subject frameworks as they work through the national curriculum for their year group?

The same principles are applied when considering attainment in the Foundation subjects.

SLT monitor pupils causing concern.

Pupils on the SEN register are discussed during this meeting and targeted support needed is discussed with the Inclusion Director to ensure that their needs are being met. Disadvantaged pupils are also discussed during these meetings and methods of supporting individual need are planned.

Provision maps are updated following these meetings.

9. Tracking

ALL pupils are tracked throughout the year and are discussed at PPM meetings.

Focus groups include:

- Pupil Premium pupils
- SEND pupils
- Pupils working below age-related expectation

Key Stage SATs analysis

SLT, Phase leaders and Subject leaders analyse Key Stage results using:

- LA data
- ASP- Analyse School Performance
- Ofsted Data Dashboard
- Arbor

Findings are incorporated into the School Improvement Plan and Subject Action Plans.

Analysis is reported to:

- Governors
- Staff
- LA via Improvement Advisor Visits

10. Reporting to Parents

For Years 1 to 6 Interim reports are sent to parents at the end of Term 2 and 4 with levels in Reading, Writing, GPS and Maths reported.

Attitudes to learning and behaviour are discussed at Parents Meetings.

A full, annual report for each pupil is given to parents/guardians at the end of the academic year. The report gives details of learning covered, achievements, end of EYFS and Key Stage Test results, Y1 phonics or Y2 retake results, Y4 Multiplication Check results and offers advice for improvement/ continued progress. When reporting to parents, we aim to be factual, specific and refer to past learning. We try to be positive about achievement and point the way to any future learning objective. We reflect the importance of the child in the process so the report can be understood by the child at an appropriate level. For EYFS, a report at the end of the year is sent to parents outlining their child's progress and informing them of their child's EYFS profile results.

11. Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations (including face to face or virtual if necessary) take place during the school year for parents to view learning in their child's books and to discuss general progress and agreed targets or areas for development. Teachers are also available for informal

consultation at other points. In addition, we have open sessions throughout the year for parents to view their child's learning and classroom and our children's profiles are regularly updated via Tapestry. Information available to parents during consultations will include teacher assessments, test results, comments on classwork, Home Learning and attendance records. Advice for improvement/ continued progress will be given as appropriate.

12. Assessment Procedures and Calendar

For the whole school, Year R to Year 6, evidence of learning will be collected via books and the online learning platform, Tapestry.

Foundation Stage

- Term 1- Information has been acquired prior to the child starting school via:
 - Parent and Carer consultations through Home Visits
 - Visits and discussions with nurseries
 - Early Years Transfer Records completed by nurseries and playgroups
 - Discussions with outside agencies and professionals
 - o A Reception Baseline Assessment is carried out in the first 6 weeks.
 - The Early Years Team use formative assessment to inform their judgements using observations during child initiated and adult led opportunities and spending time getting to know the children and their skills and interests.
- Term 2,3 & 4- Teachers will assess the children using Birth to Five Matters RAG rating judgements on Arbor and recording a Teacher Assessment judgement on Arbor in Terms 2 & 4.
- Term 5 & 6- Evidence is collected for moderation. Teachers will assess the children's progress against The Early Learning Goals. Judgements are recorded on Arbor. EYFSP outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Learning are shared with the Year One team in preparation for transition.

Year 1

- Term 1- The FSP will be continued for some pupils. Other pupils will be assessed against the year group expectations.
- Term 1, 3 & 5- Teachers will assess the children by RAG rating judgements from our subject frameworks on Arbor.
- Term 2, 4 & 6 Pupils will be assessed using Teacher Assessments informed by NFER tests and RAG ratings of our subject framework judgements and results will be inputted onto Arbor.
- Term 6- Phonics check carried out. Class teachers discuss pupil progress with next teacher for transition.

Year 3-5

 Term 1, 3 & 5- Teachers will assess the children by RAG rating judgements from our subject frameworks on Arbor.

- Term 2, 4 & 6 Pupils will be assessed using Teacher Assessments informed by NFER tests and RAG ratings of our subject framework judgements and results will be inputted onto Arbor.
- Term 6- Year 4 will carry out the MTC. Class teachers discuss pupil progress with next teacher for transition.

Year 2 & 6

- Term 1, 3 & 5- Teachers will assess the children by RAG rating judgements from our subject frameworks on Arbor.
- Term 2, 4 & 6 Pupils will be assessed using Teacher Assessments informed by past SATs tests and RAG ratings of our subject framework judgements and results will be inputted onto Arbor.
- Term 5- SATs tasks and tests administered.
- Term 6- Class teachers discuss pupil progress with next teacher / school for transition.

See Appendix for Assessment Overview Quick Guides for Staff and for Parents.

13. Testing

We recognise the limitations of testing. It can impact upon the wellbeing of pupils, increase workload and that it is always best to teach rather than test. We agree with the principle that "learning experiences are curriculum-led, not assessment-led." As a consequence, we make every effort to limit the number of tests conducted.

Given that statutory tests, in primary and secondary schools are a part of the English and Welsh education system we expose children to testing in a way that is mindful of the negative impact that it can have, but prepares them for this challenge. We follow a number principles regarding testing:

- Beyond our statutory testing requirements, we limit tests to Maths, GPS and Reading.
- Tests are not conducted in silent classrooms and resources such as Working Walls and manipulatives are made available.
- The duration of tests is increased, appropriately, as pupils progress through the school. They should be strictly limited in KS1.
- Tests will not always need to be completed independently. Examples of supported tests
 might be whole class examinations of SATS papers or supporting for a child who is sitting
 a test. In such cases, the teacher who is assessing the level of attainment should annotate
 papers wherever possible to indicate where support was given and to highlight
 misconceptions.
- Tests should be matched to a pupil's current level of attainment and will take account of SEND and other additional needs.
- Tests must inform planning and must not add to unnecessary workload.

14. Foundation Subjects

Assessment recording of the Foundation subjects is annually via Arbor. Formative assessment is carried out regularly throughout the year via RAG ratings of our subject framework judgements on Arbor.

15. Feedback

We believe that feedback to pupils, both written and oral, is the most important aspect of assessment. It is essential that feedback is effective and efficient in promoting learning. We believe that the best form of feedback to pupils is immediate verbal feedback. Where possible, we try to use this method of feedback to our children.

We believe that all marking in children's books should serve a purpose to move learning forward. We feel that the quantity of feedback should not be confused with the quality. The quality of the feedback, however given, will be seen in how a pupil is able to tackle subsequent learning.

Classwork is marked using a common framework and comments are made as appropriate. Marking recognises excellence and indicates the areas that need improvement. We encourage pupil self-marking where appropriate. We recognise that the best feedback is in the moment and encourage this approach where possible.

See appendix 3 for Feedback Quick Guide for staff.

16. Handover

At the end of each academic year, time is allocated for staff to pass all information onto the next teacher and TA.

Primary School Transfer to Secondary School

For pupils leaving the School, up to date records are forwarded to the new school.

17. Monitoring arrangements

Established: November 2023

This policy will be reviewed **annually** by the Head of School. At every review, it will be approved by the local governing board.

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Assessment at Repton Manor

KEY:

Statutory Assessments

School Assessment Collection / Reporting to Parents

PPMs / Parents Evenings

English Assessments

Maths Assessments

Inclusion Assessments

Inclusion Assessments



	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Ongoing - Whole School	Core frameworks stateFoundation framework	sed as Learning Journals. ements for Repton Curriculum statements for Repton Curric House Points to be logged on	ulum RAG highlighted on Arb	or.			
Ongoing	Red Word Check Speech link at 4 years old and Language Link	Numbots White Rose Maths Pre and post end of each unit Spelling TA in RWI Red Word Check AR Book Quizzes / Star Reader (when appropriate for key chn)	Numbots White Rose Maths Pre and post end of each unit AR Book Quizzes / Star Reader RWI assessment (Targeted for those on RWI – aim to be off by Christmas) Spelling TA in RWI	TTRS White Rose Maths Pre and post end of each unit AR Book Quizzes RWI assessment (Targeted)	TTRS White Rose Maths Pre and post end of each unit AR Book Quizzes RWI / Fresh Start assessment (Targeted)	TTRS White Rose Maths Pre and post end of each unit AR Book Quizzes Fresh Start assessment (Targeted)	TTRS White Rose Maths Pre and post end of each unit AR Book Quizzes Fresh Start assessment (Targeted)
Autumn	Baseline Assessment	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM
1	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening
	RWI assessment	RWI assessment	RWI assessment	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	KS2 SATS practice papers and Writing TA
		Provision Map Review	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Accelerated Reading – STAR
			Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)	Termly Spelling Test TTRS Heat Map (shared at
				Provision Map Review	MTC Baseline check	Provision Map Review	parents evening) Provision Map Review
A 4	PPM	Teacher	KS1 SATs (2018) and	NFER and Writing TA –	Provision Map Review NFER and Writing TA –	NFER and Writing TA –	KS2 SATS,Maths practice
Autumn 2	Teacher Assessments –	Assessments – Interim Reports	Writing TA – Interim Reports	Interim Reports	Interim Reports	Interim Reports	papers and Reading, GPS and Writing TA – Interim Reports
	Interim Reports	RWI assessment	RWI assessment	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR
	Language link and Speech Link	Provision Map Review	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test
	RWI assessment		Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map
	Provision Map Review			Provision Map Review	MTC practise check	Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review
					Provision Map Review		
Spring 1	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM	PPM	KS2 SATS practice papers and Writing TA
	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	PPM
	RWI assessment	Phonics mock screening check	Retake Phonics monthly screening check	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Parents Evening

	Provision Map Review		1	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	
	Trovidion wap iteview	RWI assessment	Termly Spelling Test		, , ,	, ,	Accelerated Reading – STAR
		Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)	Termly Spelling Test
				Provision Map Review	MTC practise check	Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map (shared at parents evening)
					Provision Map Review		Provision Map Review
Spring 2	Teacher Assessments – Interim Reports	(NFER / TA – Targeted) and Writing TA – Interim Reports	KS1 SATs (2019) and Writing TA – Interim Reports	NFER and Writing TA – Interim Reports	NFER and Writing TA – Interim Reports	NFER and Writing TA – Interim Reports	TA's for Reading, Writing, Maths and GPS – Interim Reports
	PPM	Phonics screening mock check – gaps targeted	Retake Phonics monthly screening check	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR
	RWI assessment	RWI assessment	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test
	Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map
				Provision Map Review	MTC practise check	Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review
Summer	RWI assessment	PPM	PPM	PPM	Provision Map Review PPM	PPM	KS2 SATS and Writing TA
1	Provision Map Review	Phonics screening mock	Retake Phonics monthly	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Accelerated Reading – STAR	PPM
		check – gaps targeted	screening check	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Termly Spelling Test	Accelerated Reading – STAR
		RWI assessment	Termly Spelling Test	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map	TTRS Heat Map	Termly Spelling Test
		Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review	Provision Map Review	TTRS Heat Map
			Provision Map Review				Provision Map Review
							Transition Documents created for secondary school
Summer	EYFS GLD	Y1 Phonics screening	Y2 Phonics retake screening	End of Year Reports	Y4 MTC	End of Year Reports	End of Year Reports
2	End of Year Reports	End of Year Reports	End of Year Reports	NFER and Writing TA	End of Year Reports	NFER and Writing TA	Core Subject Teacher Assessments
	Language and Speech Link (Red and Blue)	NFER and Writing TA	Optional KS1 SATS (including GPS) and Writing	Foundation Subject Assessment - Reports	NFER and Writing TA	Foundation Subject Assessment	Foundation Subject
	RWI assessment	Foundation Subject Assessment	ŤA	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Foundation Subject Assessment	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Assessment
	Provision Map Review	RWI assessment	Foundation Subject Assessment	Termly Spelling Test	Accelerated Reading – STAR	Termly Spelling Test	Accelerated Reading – STAR
	Transition Documents created for handover	Provision Map Review	Accelerated Reading – STAR.	TTRS Heat Map	Termly Spelling Test	TTRS Heat Map	Termly Spelling Test TTRS Heat Map
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			Provision Map Review		Transition Documents created for handover		
			Transition Documents created for handover				

If assessing a child out of year group, it needs to be authorised by HoS (and parents should be aware).

There is a guide for Assessments Reported Home for families on our website:

https://www.reptonmanorprimary.co.uk/our-children/assessing-our-curriulum/

Feedback at Repton Manor Primary School

At Repton Manor, we mark to move children's learning forward.

All pieces of learning	Definite right / wrong	Written pieces
All pieces of learning will be marked / acknowledged.	Green highlights – definite right answers.	ALL written work, to be marked as below, despite the book / lesson that the written work is completed in (we have the
LO: LO highlighted to show if the LO has been met - do not green the entire	Pink highlights – incorrect answers.	same expectations for all written work).
learning objective and the piece is not in need of developmental marking.	If a child receives no 'pinks in a lesson', a developmental challenge will be provided to extend the	Children will be given a checklist of what is expected of them when completing a piece of writing – for use for their first
Pink pen (developmental) comments - any comments should move learning on.	child's learning. Maths learning to have	draft and editing. Learning will be marked following the
Teacher to add 'H' if the child received a significant amount of help, and 'M' for a moderate amount of help.	development feedback at least once a week. Mathematical vocabulary will be used.	criteria for age expectations below. If any child is working below, or above, year group level, please mark accordingly.
Black pen – children's responses/edits.		Published pieces and answers to Big Questions will have 2 green comments
Children receive verbal feedback throughout all lessons in line with good practice.		and 1 pink.

For written pieces of learning:

Children are transitioned on to their new year group's feedback approach i.e. during Autumn, Y1 may receive similar feedback as EYFS.

EYFS

- Verbal feedback in the moment: Oral dialogue with children about their play, learning or special books.
- Annotation of learning and photographs by staff in learning journey.
- Children beginning to annotate their own learning and pictures.
- Success criteria to use symbols.

Year 1 & 2

- Positives to be highlighted in green, consistent with the lesson learning objective.
- Each symbol to be written in the margin, on the line of the error, in pink pen and error circled.
- Success criteria to use symbols.

Mark	Meaning
Green highlight the	Something they've done successfully, in line with the LO/aim of the lesson, eg: use of
word/phrase	adjective/verb
ABC	Missing capital letter
	Missing punctuation
Sp	Spelling error (linked to spellings taught)
(dotted line underneath	(write the correct spelling with x3 underneath the piece)
incorrect spelling in pink)	
	Missing finger space
Pink wiggly line	Something doesn't make sense

Year 3 & 4:

- Positives to be highlighted in green, consistent with the lesson learning objective.
- Each symbol to be written in the margin on the line.

Mark	Meaning
Green highlight the word/phrase	Something they've done successfully, in line with the LO/aim of the lesson, eg: expanded noun phrases
P x	Missing capital letter or full stop or other punctuation
Sp x	Spelling error (linked to spellings taught) (write the correct spelling with x3 underneath the piece)
G x	Missing or incorrect grammar
\wedge in pink, in between the words	Word or phrase missing

Year 5 & 6:

- Positives to be highlighted in green, consistent with the lesson learning objective.
- Each symbol to be written at the end of the paragraph / piece.

Mark	Meaning	
Green highlight the	omething they've done successfully, in line with the LO/aim of the lesson, eg:	
word/phrase	metaphorical language	
P x	Missing punctuation	
Sp x	Spelling error	
G x	Missing or incorrect grammar	

Published pieces of Writing

DO NOT HIGHLIGHT OVER THE CHILDREN'S FINAL PIECE OF WRITING

- Use a checklist as a sticker for the bottom of the piece make sure to include criteria that the children **know** you are working on from your teaching of that unit. *Checklists can be differentiated according to ability.
- On the checklist, highlight green for successes and pink for things they missed/need to add next time.
- At the bottom of the piece, add two green comments and one pink biro comment. The pink comment should act as their target for their next piece of writing.

Big Answers

DO NOT HIGHLIGHT OVER THE CHILDREN'S FINAL PIECE OF LEARNING

• At the bottom of the piece, add two green comments and one pink biro comment. The pink comment should act as their target for their next piece of learning.