



Measuring and Reporting on Pupil Performance at The Manor

Measuring Pupils' Performance in relation to the school's Aims and Ethos

Assessment is a vital tool that helps us to achieve, in particular, two of The Manor's aims. Namely these are to:

- Enthuse children with a love of learning and the desire to make the very most of their abilities and opportunities
- Promote the intellectual, social, mental, emotional, economic and physical development of pupils

Whilst a robust process of assessment is in place at The Manor and the pupils are encouraged to engage with their own progress, our monitoring of pupils' performance is low key from the pupils' perspective. Pupils are regularly encouraged to work hard, play hard, have fun and be kind.

Purpose of Assessment

The Manor is a broadly non-selective school. Our aim is for each and every child to achieve their academic potential, through a robust framework of timely assessments and appropriate interventions, as well as to experience positive outcomes in terms of both their mental health and wellbeing and their development of extra-curricular interests. When children are in a positive state of mind they feel safe, motivated, productive and calm. At The Manor, we support children through our teaching, differentiation and pastoral care to ensure that they are able to access their learning, feel success and therefore have increased positive mental health and wellbeing.

Assessment Approaches

At The Manor we see assessment as an integral part of teaching and learning, and it is inextricably linked to our curriculum. We use four broad, overarching forms of assessment: day-to-day formative assessment, nationally standardised formative assessment, internal summative assessment and nationally standardised summative assessment. The purpose of formative assessment is to monitor pupil learning and provide ongoing feedback to staff and pupils. The goal of summative assessment is to evaluate student learning at the end of a topic or a period of time by comparing it against a standard or benchmark.

Effective formative assessment enables:

- Teachers to identify how pupils are performing on a continuing basis and to use this information to provide appropriate support or extension, evaluate teaching and plan future lessons

- Pupils to measure their knowledge and understanding against challenges set and identify areas in which they need to improve
- Parents to gain a broad picture of where their child's strengths and weaknesses lie, and what they need to do to improve

Formative assessment includes marking and feedback, questioning in class, self and peer assessment and/or observations as well as nationally standardised tests. Formative assessment will be used to assess knowledge, skills and understanding, inform planning, identify gaps and misconceptions and engage pupils in their own learning. Appropriate support is put in place where needed by classroom teachers and the SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).

Effective internal summative assessment enables:

- The Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Subject and the SENCO to monitor the performance of pupil cohorts, identify where interventions may be required, and work with teachers to ensure pupils are supported to achieve progress and attainment
- Individual teachers to evaluate learning at the end of a unit or period and the impact of their own teaching
- Pupils to understand how well they have learned and understood a topic or course of work taught over a period of time. Whilst the results are not always given to the children, summative assessment is used to provide feedback on how they can improve and encouragement to build confidence and ownership of their own learning
- Parents to stay informed about the achievement, progress and wider outcomes of their child across a period of time

Internal summative assessment approaches used at The Manor include end-of-topic or unit tests, termly writing assessments and reviews for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities. Summative assessment provides vital information for improving future learning and demonstrating improvement over a period of time. Specific external commercial tests work alongside internally produced tests to create an assessment process which is moderated internally where necessary for standardisation and validation.

The outcomes, in terms of strengths, areas for developments and next steps, of both formative and internal summative assessments are shared with parents at Parents' Evening and in the form of reports over the course of the year.

Nationally standardised summative assessment enables:

- The Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Subject and the SENCO to monitor the performance of pupil cohorts, identify where interventions may be required, and work with teachers to ensure pupils are supported to achieve progress and attainment
- Individual teachers and Departments to understand national expectations and assess their own performance in the broader national context, to develop appropriate schemes of work and to regularly review resources used to ensure the progress, positives outcomes and engagement of the pupils
- The Head to advise parents on future schools

GL Assessment is a leading provider of assessment materials to UK schools and is used throughout The Manor. It offers standardised tests which allow us to compare our pupils' performance against national norms through age-standardised scores. A standardised score of 100 represents the national average mark in each assessment. Age-standardised scores convert a pupil's actual score in the test (the 'raw score') to a standardised score. This score takes into account the pupil's age in years and months, giving an indication of how the pupil is performing relative to other pupils of the same age across the country.

GL Assessment represents a 'whole pupil' approach to assessment, one that covers ability, attitude and attainment to provide a holistic view of each pupil. This approach provides teachers and senior leaders with the data and insights to:

- Inform teaching and learning
- Track progress effectively
- Provide evidence of progress and 'value added'
- Identify barriers to learning and motivate students
- Diagnose and monitor additional educational needs
- Facilitate whole school improvement.

Tracking Assessment

Early Years Foundation Stage / EYFS (Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception)

Target Tracker is used as a method of recording progress throughout the Early Years. It is the most widely used English curriculum pupil progress tracking and assessment software, helping schools to improve assessment effectiveness. It is updated at least three times a year. This data is used to track attainment and performance. The Target Tracker data is regularly checked to see which children are at risk of falling below the expected level and so need support and which children need challenging and extending. During the termly work scrutiny, findings are moderated and compared with the data on Target Tracker. Target Tracker grids enable the EYFS Assessment Coordinator to monitor progress. The document is a working document where pupils across the continuum are monitored in terms of the support and help given.

KS1 (Y1 and Y2) and KS2 (Y3-6)

The Manor Tracker is a specially created computer program which gives us the following information:

Individual Pupil Tracker

This creates, on a single sheet for each pupil, all his or her marks in every standardised test so that we can follow their progress, area by area. A graph is created which displays progress in each area - e.g. Reading, Spelling, Maths and Science (from Y3) - for each individual child. A table is created which makes clear in a colour-coded fashion whether the child is above or below the average for the year group and by what margin.

Cohort Tracker

We are also able to track cohorts of children – by year group; class within the year group; gender; EAL; Learning Support; Able, Gifted and Talented; summer birthdays etc. This is used by Heads of Subject to analyse the progress of a chosen cohort, and to look at these particular sub-groups, to ensure that our planning enables progress by all pupils. It also supports our analysis of groups receiving support (for EAL or Learning Support) to ensure that these pupils are achieving the expected progress.

GL Assessment

GL Assessment is able to create comparison graphs to compare progress between years. In the summaries given by *GL Assessment* for each assessment, individual expectations are

given. It is then possible to see if an individual has exceeded expectations, is meeting expectations or is under performing.

Transfer meetings, where staff from one year group meet with staff from the following year group, take place throughout the school in September. Over the course of the year, observations about pupils' performance are raised in weekly Section Meetings with the SENCO present. Interventions are discussed and implemented.

Assessments Analysis

At The Manor there is an ongoing programme of assessment analysis and tracking of pupil progress. We are delighted with the progress shown by our Year 6 leavers since they joined the school in Reception. To see the results achieved by our Year 6 children then please visit the school website where you will find [explanatory graphs](#) and references to [Scholarships and Awards to Senior Schools](#).

Assessment results are followed up by subject/pupil analysis. The Deputy Head Academic, the EYFS Assessment Coordinator, Heads of English, Maths, Science and their KS1 Coordinators, EAL, SEND/Learning Support and Gifted, Able and Talented Coordinators discuss interventions in Weekly Section and Planning Meetings and review and analyse data regularly.

The More Able Register is updated on a termly basis as a result of assessments (both internal and nationally standardised) and teacher observations, as are the Learning Support Individual Support Plans.

Types of Assessment across the School

Early Years Foundation Stage

We measure pupils' performance in a number of ways:

- Throughout the Early Years, internal baselines are used to provide starting points for the pupils regularly throughout the year. We continually informally assess the children through observations. Evidence is collated through short written observations, photos and samples of child initiated work. This information is used to update Target Tracker and to track progress.
- The Two Year Old Check which also involves the pupil's Health Visitor. The check is used as a baseline and to track 'value added' at the end of the EYFS when the EYFS Profile is completed. It is also added to the Manor Tracker which is used from Year 1 onwards.
- At the start of Reception GL Baseline is completed as well as teacher baselines to add to Target Tracker. This provides a starting point for Reception and is analysed to identify more able and less able groups. This is used for groupings and extra support.
- At the end of Reception GL Baseline Progress is completed. This enables a standardised comparison between the start and the end of Reception for the cohort and for individual children.
- The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) is a statutory requirement to be finalised in the final term of Reception. This is currently based on teacher assessments and observations and knowledge of each child. The profile consists of 17 areas of learning. Each child is assessed as 'emerging', 'exceeding' or 'expected' in each of the areas.

The table below indicates the range of assessments and evidence in the Early Years.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Pre-Nursery	Floor Books, Learning Journeys Observations, 2 Year Old Checks, Target Tracker		
Nursery	Floor Books, Learning Journeys Observations, Writing Target Tracker, Informal Assessments including Baseline		
Reception	Baseline GL, Writing	Writing	EYFS Profile data GL Baseline Progress Writing
	Floor Books, Learning Journeys Observations, Target Tracker, Informal Assessments including Baseline		

KS1 and KS2

The table below indicates when we formally assess pupil performance and in which areas. In KS1 the tests are, for the most part, administered on paper and those in KS2, for the most part, online.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Y1	Reading Comprehension (NGRT) Single Word Spelling Test (SWST) Writing	Writing	Progress Test in English Progress Test in Maths Writing
Y2	Reading Comprehension (NGRT) Single Word Spelling Test (SWST)	Writing Pupils' Attitude to Self and School (PASS)	Progress Test in English Progress Test in Maths Writing

	Writing		
Y3	Reading Comprehension (NGRT) Single Word Spelling Test (SWST) Writing Dyslexia Screener	Writing Pupils' Attitude to Self and School (PASS)	Progress Test in English Progress Test in Maths Progress Test in Science Writing
Y4	Reading Comprehension (NGRT) Single Word Spelling Test (SWST) Writing	CATs Writing Pupils' Attitude to Self and School (PASS)	Progress Test in English Progress Test in Maths Progress Test in Science Writing
Y5	Reading Comprehension (NGRT) Single Word Spelling Test (SWST) Writing	CATs Writing Pupils' Attitude to Self and School (PASS)	Progress Test in English Progress Test in Maths Progress Test in Science Writing
Y6	Reading Comprehension (NGRT) Single Word Spelling Test (SWST) Writing	Writing Pupils' Attitude to Self and School (PASS)	Progress Test in English Progress Test in Maths Progress Test in Science Writing

These tests are written to comply with the National Curriculum (2014) and assess the following skills:

New Group Reading Test (NGRT)	Reading Comprehension, looking at fiction and non-fiction texts. The NGRT is a screening and monitoring test for groups of pupils. NGRT scores can be brought to life through a variety of diagnostic reports, enabling staff to build a comprehensive picture of a pupil and their reading ability.
Single Word Spelling Test (SWST)	Spelling.
Dyslexia Screener	Identifies dyslexic tendencies in pupils aged 5–16+ years and recommends intervention strategies to help them achieve their potential.
CATs (Cognitive Abilities Tests)	The Cognitive Abilities Test is an online, diagnostic assessment which is designed to help the children and their teachers understand how the children learn and what their academic potential might be.
Progress Test in English	All areas of English except writing – spelling, grammar and comprehension.
Progress Test in Maths	All areas of the Maths curriculum, including Mental Maths.
Progress Test in Science	All areas of the Science curriculum.
Writing	Writing is assessed termly by means of the Oxford Writing Criterion Scale. All pupils complete an unaided piece of work each term. This is marked against the scale and recorded on progress tracking sheets.
Pupils' Attitudes to Self and School	The Pupils Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) survey is carried out by all pupils in Y2-6 and supports the pastoral care of pupils' within the school.

With the exception of the termly writing assessment and the PASS survey, the results of these assessments are added to The Manor Tracker

Reporting to Parents

As well as populating Target Tracker and The Manor Tracker, the results feed into regular reports to parents; both written reports and face to face parent-teacher meetings. Assessment results are used to inform teachers' own understanding of their pupils, and allow fine-tuning of planning for the progress of both cohorts and individual pupils.

The CATS (Cognitive Ability Tests) are also used by the Head when talking to parents about future schools and in the Head's Reports to Senior Schools.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
PN	Parents' Evening	Learning Journey Review & Next steps		Parents' Evening		Progress Summary Learning Journey Review
N	Parents' Evening	Learning Journey Review & Next steps		Parents' Evening		Report Learning Journey Review
R	Parents' Evening	Learning Journey Review & Next steps		Parents' Evening		Report Learning Journey Review
Y1	Parents' Evening	Letter Report	Parents' Evening			Report
Y2	Parents' Evening	Letter Report	Parents' Evening			Report
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Y3		Parents' Evening	Learning Profile	Parents' Evening		Report
Y4		Parents' Evening	Learning Profile	Parents' Evening		Report
Y5		Parents' Evening	Learning Profile		Parents' Evening	Report
Y6	Parents' Evening	Learning Profile		Learning Profile		Report

Please note that due to COVID-19, the Assessment Programme has been altered from that described above but has still covered all aspects of the annual programme and complied with the Guidance offered in the DfE Guidance below:

[Guidance for Schools: Coronavirus COVID-19](#)

[Restricting Attendance during National Lockdown: Schools](#)

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