



## Guidelines for parent comments

### How do I comment on my child's work on My Learning Journey?

Feedback is important to help students grow and learn. Teachers provide students with feedback all of the time. Parents can provide feedback too. Providing good feedback to your child can be difficult – especially as you may want to tell them lots of things that they need to do to be better at something.

When making a comment you are best to keep in mind what your student's level is and what they are learning this term (their goal). You are best to use the success criteria of their goal to guide your comments. Try starting with some of these sentence starters:

- This is quality work because...
- Your thinking shows...
- Two things you really did well are...
- When explaining your topic you...
- Your writing tells me ...
- One thing to improve on is ...
- You need more ...
- You need less ...
- When explaining your topic you ...
- You might try ...
- I like the way you have...

### Before you post a comment, ask yourself:

- Will these comments help my child to improve?
- Will it help my child to be self-motivated and encourage him/her to try again?

### An example of a comment might be:

I really liked the way that you started each sentence with a capital letter. Next time, you might try to put a full stop at the end of the sentence.

### Remember that good feedback answers these questions:

1. Where am I going? (What are the goals?) This is set by the student and teacher.
2. How am I going? (What progress is being made toward the goal?).
3. Where to next? (What activities need to be undertaken to make better progress?).

You could also use this as an opportunity to tell your child's teacher about your child's learning as it links to their goals. For example, you could say... At home, my child has been counting in 2s.