



Driving School Improvement in Quality of Education & Personal Development

How Nurture Aligns to Ofsted Priorities
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Introduction

Nurture is an award-winning formative assessment and feedback software ([e-Assessment Awards 2022](#)), providing teachers with an evidence based approach to providing effective and efficient feedback. Our team reviewed Ofsted's report ([Ofsted strategy 2022-27](#)) and developed this guide for enhancing your practice while aligning to Ofsted's standards. Ofsted report on four main categories: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management. This guide will showcase how Nurture can help improve performance in the quality of education and personal development categories.



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Quality of Education

Under the heading of quality of education, Ofsted inspects three areas: Intent, Implementation and Impact.



Intent



Implementation



Impact

Intent

Under the heading of intent there are four areas for evaluation, all of which focus on the intent of the curriculum. One in particular is of key importance from a Nurture perspective:



The providers curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced towards a cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment



Nurture allows you to create assessments and set them at key junctures of the sequenced learning journey. Nurture assessments use Learning Objectives to ensure linking between curriculum, assessment and feedback. Research has shown that effective feedback starts from the setting of goals. Using learning objectives and providing feedback at this level is one of the most effective ways to move the learning forward.

Nurture allows you to create and schedule assessments. This means that you can create and schedule your yearly set of key assessments from the outset, allowing you more time to focus on teaching and learning

Schedule Assessment

Assessment Learning Objectives

- 1** What are the themes of the poem?

- 2** Identify & explain 3 literary devices used:

- 3** Summarise the poem into a tweet


Edit Feedback

Give Feedback

Give Feedback

Try This:



In Nurture we allow teacher collaboration. This means, as a department group, you can co-create and share these assessments. This allows for standardised assessments at key junctures, allowing assessing and reporting to be even more efficient and effective.



Create



Share



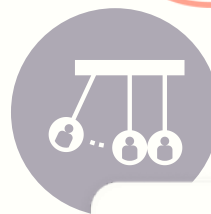
Schedule



Intent



Implementation



Impact



Implementation

Implementation focuses on the day to day and systematic engagement of teacher and learner in the classroom. It is the largest section, consisting of six evaluation criteria. Those that Nurture can help with include:

We Help Support 4 Evaluation Criteria

Source:
[Ofsted strategy 2022-27](#)

1

Teachers present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter that they are teaching. They check learners' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately, and provide clear and direct feedback. Adapt teaching as necessary.

2

Help learners remember in the long term the content they have been taught, and integrate new knowledge into larger concepts

3

Teachers create an environment that allows learners to focus on learning. The resources and materials are selected in a way that does not create unnecessary workload for staff, and reflects the ambitious intention for the course.

4

A rigorous approach to the teaching of reading develops learners' confidence and enjoyment in reading



By creating learning objectives in our assessments, we're able to surface potential student misconceptions. While in subjects such as Maths and Science, misconceptions are easy to test for, they still exist in other subjects and tend to be more difficult to identify. Our method for doing so involves leveraging the learning objective and student's confidence. Where a student is highly confident and under performs, this may indicate a misconception or conflicting conception that needs rectification. Using our evidenced based approach to providing feedback, you are then able to provide effective formative feedback to the learner.

In creating this feedback, we are creating a repository of feedback and additional resources for each student, which they can refer back to in their own time. This, in turn, helps to create more self-regulated and autonomous modes of learning for the student.

**"Nurture has actually given the opportunity
to go and look back."**

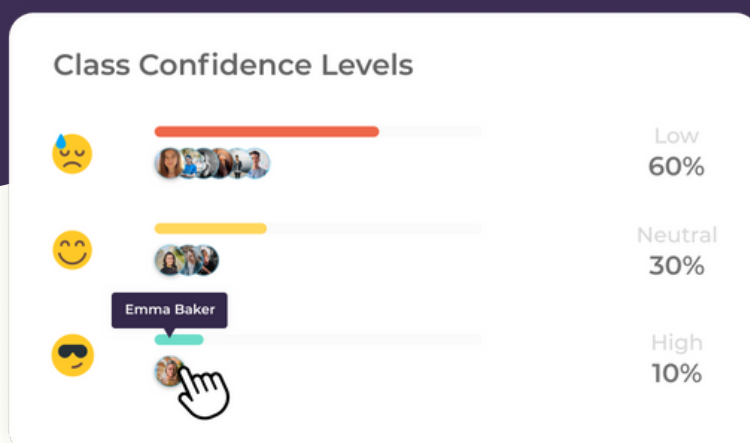


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- Charlie
Student, Shireland Collegiate Academy

Furthermore, this then helps to create a learning environment that is rich in resources and materials which empower the student without increasing the teacher workload.

Finally, The Nurture Way collects and records student confidence levels at the point of submission and at point of reflection. This method allows students to express their confidence, which then informs teachers of possible disengagement with feedback, or areas where students deserve praise.



**Collect Confidence
Levels**

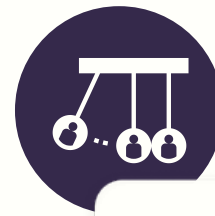




Intent



Implementation



Impact

Impact

Impact focuses on skills acquisition that can be showcased in state exams as well as preparing learners for their next stage of education, employment or training. Nurture can help with the two evaluation criteria in this section.

Source: [Ofsted strategy 2022-27](#)

1

Learners develop detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum and, as a result, achieve well. Where relevant, this is reflected in results from national tests and examinations that meet government expectations, or in the qualifications obtained.

2

Learners are ready for the next stage of education, employment or training. Where relevant, they gain qualifications that allow them to go on to destinations that meet their interests, aspirations and the intention of their course of study. They read widely and often, with fluency and comprehension.

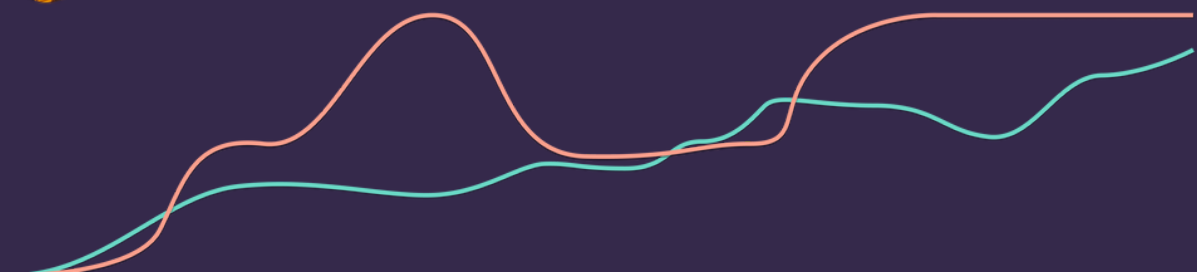
On the first point, we have already detailed how our assessments help develop and manage learning within the curriculum. The second point, which looks more at getting students ready for life post-education, can be captured in our Learner Passport. Here, we make explicit the learning students have achieved. We can determine their level of engagement and, if teachers so choose, can track the development of soft skills during their education, which in turn may be useful for vocational and other employment opportunities.



Confidence

Grade

Engagement Score= 79





Personal Development

The final aspect of the Ofsted standards we will examine is professional development. There are four evaluation criteria here, however the most applicable to the Nurture Way is:

Source: [Ofsted strategy 2022-27](#)

“The curriculum and the provider’s wider work support learners to develop their character - including their resilience, confidence and independence”

As we have discussed above, Nurture captures the students' confidence at the point of submission. The Nurture Way incorporates closing the feedback loop which provides students with the unique opportunity to reflect on their feedback. Closing the feedback loop is shown to delay the ego response and move the learning forward, thereby increasing student confidence and also developing their self-directed learning and autonomy.

3-2-1 Student Reflection



What are 3 things you learned?



What are 2 things you found interesting?



What is 1 question are you left with?

88 %

Unlock Grade

Ofsted Overview



The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Service and Skills is responsible for inspecting a range of educational institutions across all ages of learners. Ofsted's main functions include inspecting, regulating and reporting, in which they report directly to parliament.



Ofsted have a new set of priorities for 2022-2027 which is set out in their new strategy document - the most relevant of which include:

Source: [Ofsted strategy 2022-27](#)



- **Inspections that raise standards: helping education and social care recover and improve.**
- **Making the most of our insights: sharing insights through research and analysis. Insights from practitioners, policymakers and decision makers that lead to improvements across the system.**
- **The best start in life: developing the evidence base about early years education, including curriculum and pedagogy, and act on it.**
- **Keeping pace with sector changes: Continuously review approach and advocate for additional powers where required.**
- **Accessible and engaged: open and accessible to different audiences, understanding their needs.**
- **Skilled workforce: make sure the right tools, knowledge and expertise are available to continue to be a force for improvement.**



To this end, Ofsted report on four main categories: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management.



Grading Scale



Ofsted uses a four-point grading scale for its inspections, these are:

- Grade 1 - outstanding
- Grade 2 - good
- Grade 3 - requires improvement
- Grade 4 - inadequate

Inadequate

Requires Improvement

Good

Outstanding



Ofsted inspectors use the remit handbook to conduct their inspections which sets out the methodology they use to gather evidence and make judgements. The judgements consider all available evidence to evaluate what it is like to be a learner in the provision being evaluated. In making their judgements, the inspector considers whether the standard of education, care or training is good or outstanding. If deemed below good, considerations are then made on whether it requires improvement or inadequate.

Did you know? Nurture's feedback centred course on Microsoft Learn is certified by Microsoft. Completing it brings educators closer to getting Microsoft badges such as the 'Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert' (MIEE) badge.

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Nurture closes the feedback loop between teachers and students. See the research that guides your work behind the scenes to simplify formative feedback, save time and ensure student reflection - all within Microsoft Teams.

Learning objectives

In this module, you will:

- Describe the benefits of digitizing formative feedback
- Demonstrate why closing the feedback loop is vital for moving student learning forward
- Identify how The Nurture Way empowers both the teacher and learner
- Discern how confidence can influence student engagement in feedback
- List the factors that influence student engagement with feedback

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- Educator - Learner

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Thank you for reading through our guide on 'Driving School Improvement in Quality of Education & Personal Development' for Ofsted inspected schools. Hopefully you will take away some actionable insights! If you have some questions for us on this, the Nurture team will be happy to answer them.



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