

Locality 10 principles for assessment:

1. Assessment is at the heart of teaching and learning and provides evidence to guide teaching and learning.
2. Assessment is fair, inclusive of all abilities and free from bias
3. Assessment outcomes are conveyed in an open, honest and transparent way to assist pupils with their learning.
4. Assessment judgements are moderated by experienced professionals to ensure their accuracy.
5. Assessment is ambitious and sets high expectations and next steps for progress and development.
6. Conclusions regarding pupil achievement are valid when the assessment method is appropriate (to age, to the task and to the desired feedback information).
7. Assessment should draw on a wide range of evidence, (written and observations) to provide a complete picture of student achievement.
8. Judgements will be formed according to these common principles.
9. Assessment outcomes provide meaningful and understandable information for:
pupils in developing their learning;
parents in supporting children with their learning;
teachers in planning teaching and learning.
10. Assessment feedback should inspire greater effort and a belief that, through hard work and practice, more can be achieved.

