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## Teacher request to use DeepMark artificial intelligence marking assistant

*Prepared for: Head of Department & Senior Leadership Teams*

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This note has been prepared because one or more teachers at your school use or wish to confirm approval to use DeepMark — an artificial intelligence-assisted marking tool. It is provided for your information and to support any internal approval process you may wish to follow.

### What is DeepMark?

DeepMark is a software tool that reads scanned handwritten student scripts and produces first-pass marks with detailed annotations and personalised feedback for students. It is designed in line with current Department for Education and Ofqual guidance on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in education.

In June 2025, the Department for Education updated its guidance to actively encourage schools to explore and deploy artificial intelligence tools to reduce teacher workload, subject to appropriate safeguards and human oversight. DeepMark was built to do exactly this.

“In June 2025, the DfE updated its policy not only to permit but actively encourage schools to explore and deploy artificial intelligence in schools to reduce teacher workload.”

Department for Education, Generative artificial intelligence (AI) in education, updated June 2025 [\[source\]](#)

It is produced by DeepMark Labs Ltd., a UK company co-founded by teachers who understand the realities of UK schools.

### How it works

- The teacher uploads their question paper, mark scheme, and scanned student scripts as a single batch.
- DeepMark reads each script and produces a first-pass mark with annotations for each question.
- The teacher reviews every mark individually, edits where they disagree, and adds their own comments.
- The teacher confirms the final marks. Nothing is submitted without explicit teacher sign-off.
- Marked scripts can be shared with colleagues for departmental review, moderation, or standardisation.

In practice, a class set of 30 scripts that might take several hours to mark can be completed in a fraction of the time, with the teacher retaining full professional oversight throughout.

Students benefit from it directly, with highly detailed and actionable WWW / EBI feedback per question and they can receive their assessments back significantly sooner.

## Teacher oversight and professional responsibility

DeepMark is designed around the principle that teacher judgement is non-negotiable. The tool produces a draft; the teacher makes it final. Specifically:

- Every mark on every script must be reviewed and confirmed by the teacher before it is recorded.
- Teachers can override any mark at any time, with no restriction.
- A full record of teacher decisions is maintained for accountability purposes.
- DeepMark does not make marking decisions autonomously — it produces a draft for professional review.

This approach is consistent with the position of Ofqual (2024), which states that artificial intelligence may complement marking processes but must not be treated as the sole basis for judgment.

## Data protection and safeguarding

DeepMark has been built with safeguarding as a foundational requirement, not an afterthought. The following commitments apply to all data processed through the platform:

- **KCSIE-aligned.** Built around the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education and DfE safeguarding guidance.
- **UK-hosted.** Data is stored on AWS servers in the London region. All data remains within the United Kingdom. GDPR compliant.
- **Never used to train AI.** Student scripts are never used to train artificial intelligence models. This is a contractual and technical constraint — not a policy aspiration.
- **Encrypted.** Data is encrypted in transit and at rest using HTTPS and TLS protocols throughout.
- **Minimised and anonymised.** Student scripts are processed with minimal personally identifiable information. The platform is DPIA-ready; documentation is available on request.
- **Deletion on request.** Data can be deleted on request at any time. There is no lock-in.

## What your teacher is asking

The teacher who has shared this note is requesting permission to use DeepMark as part of their personal marking workflow. Many teachers use DeepMark independently in this way — in the same way they might use any personal professional tool. It is a proactive step for a member of staff to seek school approval before doing so and reflects good professional practice on their part.

No school budget, contract, or procurement process is required for individual teacher use.

If the school would like to explore department-wide or whole-school access, we work directly with school leadership teams to find an appropriate solution. Please get in touch.

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## Further information

A full Student Data and Safety policy is available at [getdeepmark.com/data-safety](https://getdeepmark.com/data-safety). Any questions can be directed to the DeepMark team at [support@getdeepmark.com](mailto:support@getdeepmark.com).