



Handwriting progression

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<p>EYFS</p> <p>DM, PD - Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.</p> <p>DM, L - Form lower-case and capital letters correctly</p> <p>ELG, PD - Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases</p> <p>ELG, L - Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed</p>	<p>Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</p> <p>Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</p> <p>Form capital letters</p> <p>Form digits 0-9</p> <p>Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (ie letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these</p> <p>Notes and guidance (non-statutory) Handwriting requires frequent and discrete, direct teaching. Pupils should be able to form letters correctly and confidently. The size of the writing implement (pencil, pen) should not be too large for a young pupil's hand. Whatever is being used should allow the pupil to hold it easily and correctly so that bad habits are avoided.</p> <p>Left-handed pupils should receive specific teaching to meet their needs.</p>	<p>Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another</p> <p>Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</p> <p>Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters</p> <p>Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters</p> <p>Notes and guidance (non-statutory) Pupils should revise and practise correct letter formation frequently. They should be taught to write with a joined style as soon as they can form letters securely with the correct orientation.</p>	<p>Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</p> <p>Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant, and that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch]</p> <p>Notes and guidance (non-statutory) Pupils should be using joined handwriting throughout their independent writing. Handwriting should continue to be taught, with the aim of increasing the fluency with which pupils are able to write down what they want to say. This, in turn, will support their composition and spelling</p>	<p>Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters -choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task <p>Notes and guidance (non-statutory) Pupils should continue to practise handwriting and be encouraged to increase the speed of it, so that problems with forming letters do not get in the way of their writing down what they want to say. They should be clear about what standard of handwriting is appropriate for a particular task, for example, quick notes or a final handwritten version. They should also be taught to use an unjoined style, for example, for labelling a diagram or data, writing an email address, or for algebra, and capital letters, for example, for filling in a form.</p>
<p>-Concentrate on the correct letter formation</p> <p>-Introduce the letters with the sounds</p>	<p>-Ensure correct letter formation</p> <p>-Introduce precursive letters</p> <p>-Start to join</p> <p>-Follow Y1 letter families</p>	<p>-Use precursive letters</p> <p>-Develop joined handwriting</p> <p>-Pen licence introduced for those children who join</p>	<p>-All children join</p>	<p>-Fluent style continued to be developed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Little Wandle images and formation phrases initially, moving on to Twinkl handwriting with resources • These are the expectation for most of the children; SEND children could work at a slower pace • Daily taught practise needed until children have a fluent style 				