

Progression in Handwriting

Year 1	<p>Sit correctly at the table</p> <p>Hold a pencil correctly and comfortably</p> <p>Begin to form lower case letters in the correct direction (starting and finishing in the correct place)</p> <p>Form capital letters</p> <p>Form digits 0-9</p> <p>Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families'</p>
Year 2	<p>Form lower case letters of the correct size relative to one another</p> <p>Start using some horizontal and diagonal strokes needed to join</p> <p>Understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</p> <p>Write capital letters and digits the right 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>
Lower Key Stage 2	<p>Use the horizontal strokes needed to join letters</p> <p>Understand which letters, when adjacent to each other, are best left unjoined</p> <p>Increase legibility, consistency and quality by ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant*Lines of writing are spaced so that ascenders and descenders do not touch
Upper Key Stage 2	<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*Deciding as part of their personal style, whether or not to join specific letters*Choosing the writing implement best suited to the task