

Handwriting Progression EY-Y6

Year Group	National Curriculum Requirements
Nursery	Handwriting is part of both physical development and Literacy. Please view the EYFS Skills Progression for Becoming a Good Handwriter.
Reception	Handwriting is part of both physical development and Literacy. Please view the EYFS Skills Progression for Becoming a Good Handwriter.
Year 1	Handwriting Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly● begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place● form capital letters● form digits 0-9● understand which letters belong to which handwriting
Year 2	Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another● 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● write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters● use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.
Year 3 & 4	Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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● increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].
Year 5 & 6	Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:● 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.