



## Handwriting Guidelines

From the beginning of their school life, children will be taught the importance of clear communication and neat presentation in their written work. They need to develop a flowing, legible handwriting style with the ability to write with ease and at speed. Children are expected to take pride in all they produce.

Cursive handwriting encourages children to join letters and write words as a series of continuous patterns. Handwriting should be taught regularly and systematically, so children experience continuity and coherence in their learning. Appropriate handwriting style will be modelled in teaching and marking. It will be on display in classrooms and widely around school.

Twinkl looped cursive should be used to represent the desired handwriting style. Other fonts may be used for labelling and display purposes.

Skills will progress as follows:

Foundation	Correct non-cursive letter formation. Correct number formation.
Y1	Begin journey to continuous cursive joins, learning in letter families. Ensure numbers are correctly formed and orientated.
Y2	Explicitly teach and practise continuous cursive joins, some using pen.
Y3/Y4/5	Maintain and practise continuous cursive handwriting style, all using pen.
Y6	Allow some personalisation of fluent, legible handwriting based on above. Style can be adapted for a range of purposes eg note-taking, publishing.

### Aims

#### YR

Children participate in activities to develop gross and fine motor skills. They learn to recognise patterns by using their finger to draw in sand or paint. They learn to hold a pencil correctly, with adults checking for the need of pencil grips and that children are sitting correctly with books and an angle.

#### KS1

Children continue to be guided on how to write letters correctly, using a comfortable and efficient grip. Children should now be leaving spaces between words accurately using pre-cursive letters. For consistency, ideally one member of staff will deliver weekly handwriting sessions in EYFS and KS1 using Twinkl letter family booklets. Children will practise using gel pens for greater definition than pencils.

By the end of Key Stage 1 children will be able to write legibly, using upper and lower-case letters appropriately and correct spacing between words using a cursive style. As soon as this is achieved, children will write with a blue note writer style handwriting pen. Pencil will be used for maths and diagram drawing throughout school. Mistakes are crossed out with a single line, using a ruler.

#### KS2

All children will write using a blue note writer style handwriting pen from the start of this phase. Children have dedicated handwriting practice within English lessons, using the opportunity to address spelling or grammar misconceptions.

Termly assemblies will reward handwriting with presentation of a special pen and certificate.