Handwriting Policy

Information for Parents

Stage 1: Precursive Upright (Nur/Rec)



Through the Foundation Stage, your child will be taught the letter formation as shown above. Please make sure that when writing at home your child uses the correct formation – this will help them to make good progress as their writing develops.

Stage 2: Cursive Upright (Year 1 & 2)



When your child's teacher feels that he/she is ready, the formal teaching of joining will be introduced. Your child will be taught to use an entry stroke – so all letters will begin from the line. Their letters will flow from one to the next continuously, with clear breaks between words. This will support the development of strong links between the formation of patterns in handwriting and those involved in phonic and spelling knowledge.

Cursive Slanted (Year 2 – Year 6)

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

William Wordsworth

As children become more confident with the joining process they will be encouraged to develop a 'Cursive Slanted' style as above. This will enable them to increase their writing speed and fluency.

In order for your child's handwriting to develop consistently, we are asking you to support this process at home as well. When completing homework please encourage your child to follow our handwriting policy.

Many thanks for your support.