

Through effective feedback in English lessons, teachers should check that Handwriting skills have been accurately learned and remembered so that they can be applied with automaticity.

At the end of each term, teachers will assess the work in English books against the relevant Mastery Keys for that year group to decide whether a child is working at the Age Related Expectation by the end of each academic year.

By the time pupils leave **Key Stage 2**, they will:

- ✓ Have become **a fluent, confident writer**
- ✓ Have developed **a love of writing**
- ✓ Have developed patience, perseverance and courage so that they can **embrace challenges with resilience**
- ✓ Have **strengthened their literacy outcomes** and achievement across the wider curriculum
- ✓ Feel empowered to **express themselves through writing**

The impact of our handwriting curriculum is seen in pupils who write with **confidence, joy, and pride**—children who not only master the skill but also develop **a lifelong love of writing as a means of self-expression** and learning.



Mastery Skills

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Can hold a pencil correctly using a tripod grip	Can sit correctly at a table with one hand on the paper, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly using a tripod grip					
Can demonstrate some pencil control, showing accuracy and care when drawing	Can form capital letters A-Z and digits 0-9 the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters	Can write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters which mostly sit accurately on the line	Down strokes of letters are beginning to look parallel and equidistant.	All down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant.		
Is beginning to form some lower case curly caterpillar letters correctly, in the right direction.	Can form all lower case curly caterpillar letters correctly, in the right direction, starting and finishing in the right place	Can form all lower case curly caterpillar letters correctly, in the right direction, and of the correct size relative to one another	Using a cursive script, can form all lower case curly caterpillar letters correctly, in the right direction, and of the correct size relative to one another.	Can consistently use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understands which letters when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined	Can write legibly at a speed of at least 8 words per minute , using accurate diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understands which letters when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined	Can write legibly and at speed using a cursive script with the correct diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
Is beginning to form some lower case long ladder letters correctly, in the right direction.	Can form all lower case long ladder letters correctly, in the right direction, starting and finishing in the right place	Can form all long ladder letters correctly, in the right direction, and of the correct size relative to one another	Using cursive script, can form all long ladder letters correctly, in the right direction and of the correct size relative to one another.	Ascenders and descenders are of the correct size relative to letter forms and sit correctly above and below the line		Can choose the standard of handwriting appropriate for a particular task
Is beginning to form some lower case one armed robot letters correctly, in the right direction.	Can form all lower case one armed robot letters correctly, in the right direction, starting and finishing in the right place	Can form all one armed robot letters correctly, in the right direction, and of the correct size relative to one another	Using cursive script, can form all one armed robot letters correctly in the right direction, and of the correct size relative to one another.			
Is beginning to form some lower case zigzag letters correctly, in the right direction.	Can form all lower case zigzag letters correctly, in the right direction, starting and finishing in the right place	Can form all zigzag letters correctly, in the right direction, and of the correct size relative to one another	Using a cursive script, can form all zigzag letters correctly, in the right direction and of the correct size relative to one another.			
	Can separate words with spaces	Can consistently use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters	Can consistently use spacing that enhances the legibility of the writing	Can layout work with some awareness of spacing	Can layout work so that it is mostly effective	Can layout work so that the overall look is neat, balanced and highlights meaning

