

# Handwriting expectations and procedures

## Wateringbury CE Primary School

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## **Handwriting expectations and procedures**

### **Script**

No flicks taught in print.

All classrooms to display the agreed printed alphabet script.

Joined writing to be introduced during Year 2, with the expectation that most children will be joining the majority of their writing by the end of the year.

### **Handwriting lessons and scheme**

Scholastic scheme to be followed for scripts, joins.

R-Year 3 to have daily handwriting lessons, ten minutes.

Year 4-6 to have weekly handwriting lessons, but reinforced daily through lessons.

All handwriting lessons to start with nimble fingers warm-up.

Class teachers to model handwriting script in all lessons, using rollerboard and flipchart.

### **Marking**

Marking in KS1 books to be printed, using agreed alphabet script.

Marking in KS2 books to be joined, using agreed script.

### **Posture and pencil grips**

Class teachers to be vigilant about good posture for writing

- sitting up straight
- feet on floor
- chair legs on floor
- books held with opposite hand to writing hand
- left-handed pupils to be shown how to tilt exercise book, not hand

Years 2-3 to be vigilant about pencil grips as it's difficult to alter them in later years.

### **Pens**

Chunky triangular pencils in Reception (and Year 1 for pupils who benefit from them).

Slim triangular pencils in Year 1 (and Year 2 for pupils who benefit from them).

Pentel purple pens only in Years 3-6.

Fountain pens in Year 6 only when teacher gives approval.