

The following checklist can be used with your child to talk about the quality of their writing.

- Does the writing look neat?
- Is it easy to read?
- Are all the letters well shaped and clear?
- Are the letters evenly sized?
- Are any letters too tall or too short?
- Are the ascenders of letters tall enough?
(b d h k l t)
- Is there enough space between letters and words?
- Are all the joins well made?
- Have you put capital letters in the right place?
- Are the letters sloping in the same direction?
- Are you pressing too hard with your pencil?

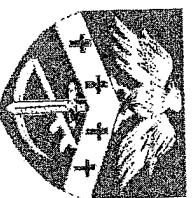
The ultimate goal!

A quick brown fox jumps
over the lazy dog.

Please ask the class teacher if you would like further advice on how to help your child.

Guidance for parents on
Handwriting

J N W
K J i
N R
R b Y n
O I E e P c B
m I E z L



Lower Case Letters

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

All lower case letters are formed with one pencil stroke except f, t and x which require two separate strokes.

Upper Case Letters

1 stroke: C I O S U V W Z

2 strokes: B D G J M N P Q

R X Y

3 strokes: A E F H K L T

Numerals

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

The Joins

Join 1: Diagonal join to letters without ascenders
in im w an er ap ai en ew ur co

Join 2: Diagonal join to letters with ascenders
ab ub at ch af if th

Join 3: Horizontal join to letters without ascenders
oc og rd rm we wo fo oo oa

Join 4: Horizontal join to letters with ascenders
ob ot rb wh of fl ff oh

Break letters

- Never join to or from a capital letter
- Never join a letter from b g j p q x y z