



# Handwriting Progression at Parkgate Primary School



## EYFS + KS1

| Reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Year 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Year 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p>Use the correct tripod pencil grip</p> <p>Hold the pencil between the thumb and index finger, supported by the middle finger</p> <p>Sit with a good posture when writing (feet flat on the floor, back straight, table at the correct height)</p> <p>Develop control when using mark-making and writing tools</p> <p>Strengthen fine motor skills to support handwriting development</p> <p>Begin to form lower case and capital letters correctly</p> | <p>Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</p> <p>Form lowercase letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</p> <p>Form capital letters correctly</p> <p>Form digits 0–9 correctly</p> <p>Begin to understand handwriting ‘families’ (e.g. curly caterpillar letters)</p> <p>Leave spaces between words</p> | <p>Form lowercase letters of the correct size relative to one another</p> <p>Begin to use diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters</p> <p>Understand which letters are best left unjoined</p> <p>Write capital letters and digits of the correct size and in proportion to lowercase letters</p> <p>Use spacing between words that reflects the size of letters</p> |

KS2

| Year 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Year 4                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Year 5 and 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p>Write capital letters and digits in the correct size</p> <p>Use the strokes needed to join letters and know when not to join</p> <p>Improve the legibility, consistency, and quality of handwriting (e.g. parallel downstrokes, even spacing between lines)</p> | <p>Write capital letters and digits in the correct size.</p> <p>Refine joins and spacing to improve legibility and presentation</p> <p>Maintain uniformity in letter size, slant, and line alignment</p> | <p>Develop a personal, fluent, and joined handwriting style</p> <p>Use discretion in joining letters (e.g. choosing not to join 'r' or 'z' where appropriate)</p> <p>Select appropriate writing tools for different tasks</p> <p>Apply presentation skills suitable for different audiences and purposes</p> |