



OAKWORTH *Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here at Oakworth Primary School, we are very proud of our pupil's handwriting and take particular care in our cursive/joined-up handwriting style. Handwriting is a basic skill that influences the quality of work throughout the curriculum. At the end of Key Stage 2 all pupils should have the ability to produce fluent, legible and, eventually, speedy joined-up handwriting, and to understand the different forms of handwriting used for different purposes. We aim to make handwriting an automatic process that does not interfere with creative and mental thinking.

In Reception and Year 1, the children are taught pre-cursive letters. The attached sheet shows you how to help your child with handwriting at home (all letters begin on the line). Having practised this script right from Early Years, children in Year 2 will then find it much easier to join their letters when they are ready.

For our youngest pupils, we aim for two to three weekly practice sessions totalling 30 to 45 minutes, that will include the following:

- Movements to enhance gross motor skills such as air-writing, pattern making, dancing.
- Exercises to develop fine motor skills such as making marks on paper, whiteboards, blackboards, sand trays and I-pads.
- Letter learning to familiarise letter shapes, formation and vocabulary.

Please remember, that when your child learns to write their name, a capital letter is only used at the beginning. E.g. Will, - not WILL.

Our aim is to help pupils enjoy learning and developing their handwriting consistently, with a sense of achievement and pride

Many thanks for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Million.
Writing & GPS Leader