

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_ Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</li> <li>_ Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</li> <li>_ Form capital letters</li> <li>_ Form digits 0-9</li> <li>_ Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' and to practise these</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_ Form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters</li> <li>_ Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters handwriting when writing at speed</li> <li>_ Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join some letters</li> </ul>	<p><b>(end of Y3/4 phase)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_ Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</li> <li>_ Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, e.g. by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch</li> </ul>
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_ Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</li> <li>_ Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, e.g. by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch</li> </ul>	<p><b>(end of Y5/6 phase)</b></p> <p>Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_ Choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters</li> <li>_ Choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task</li> </ul> <p>Maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed</p>	<p>Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_ Choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters</li> <li>_ Choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task</li> </ul> <p>Maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed</p>

