

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Handwriting and Presentation

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Loddon Primary our aim is for all children to develop a fluent, confident and cursive (joined) handwriting style during their time with us. We encourage the children to take pride in the presentation of their work so that this accurately reflects the effort they have taken in completing it. We also know that using a cursive handwriting style supports children to learn and remember their spellings and so it is an essential part of developing their writing skills.

- By the end of Year 2 children are expected to be using the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters in most of their writing. They should have spaces between their words and their work should be neatly presented.
- By the end of Year 6 our children are expected to maintain legibility, fluency and speed in handwriting. All their writing must be in a cursive joined style. Apparatus such as rulers must be used accurately to ensure the quality of presentation and written work should be completed in pen.

We would like your help to do even better with handwriting and presentation. During the Easter break your child has been asked to complete some home learning. This home learning will be different depending on which year group your child is in and how confident they are in their handwriting currently.

Please encourage your child to sit properly when he/she is writing. He/she will get the best results if

- he/she sits on an upright chair
- he/she sits at a comfortable height
- he/she keeps his/her back straight
- his/her head is high enough to see the pen/pencil point forming the letters.

Good posture is vital for any child, but it is particularly important if your child is left-handed, because people who are left-handed have a tendency to develop a cramped, curled hand position which makes writing very hard work. Sitting properly helps to prevent this.

A chart containing the letter formations and joins for each of the letters of the alphabet is provided on the back of this letter. There is also further handwriting information available for parents/carers on the Learning Platform. Please continue to support your child to present their home learning to their best standard of presentation throughout the summer.

Many thanks in advance for your help,

S Phillips

Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

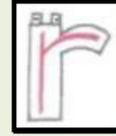


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