

How can you help your child?

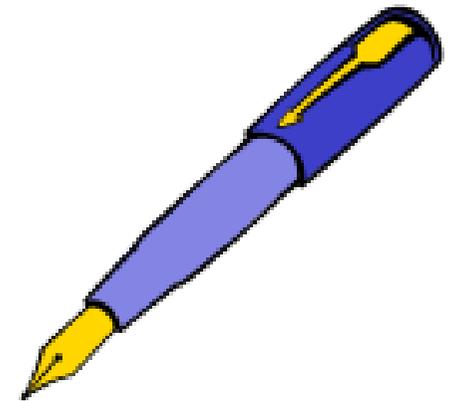
When writing, always encourage your child to write on a line, even if they have to draw it themselves. This helps them to orientate their letters and recognise where letters begin. Encourage your child to join his or her writing in any work brought home.

When learning spellings, encourage them to use the look, say, cover, write and check method. It is important that they still use joined handwriting. This is because they learn to remember the necessary movements of spelling patterns and this will help them to remember the spelling of a word.

Use the sheet provided to model writing in a cursive script.



Cursive Handwriting



A Barley Hill Guide

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This leaflet is to explain why and how we teach handwriting at Barley Hill Primary School. It also includes ideas on ways in which you can help to develop your child's handwriting.

Our handwriting policy aims to:

Promote and develop a joined cursive handwriting style as letter forms are being mastered.

Promote and develop children's handwriting to be clear, fluent, legible and fast.

Link handwriting skills and style to patterns and rules of the English spelling system.

Promote opportunities for children to become enthusiastic about their handwriting.

How We Teach Handwriting

Your child will be taught to develop a handwriting style that progresses smoothly from initial cursive letter formation to joined fluency.

Research has shown that it is often difficult for children to change from printed to joined script in Year 2. Therefore, we will be teaching the children to join from the Foundation Stage..

Cursive handwriting joins all letters except for capital letters. All letters start from the line, making it easier to remember which way to go in order to form them.

When writing, even in Early Years Foundation Stage, children will be encouraged to draw a line to write on.

Handwriting will not only be taught in isolation, but as an integral part of all aspects of writing and spelling.

Tools for Handwriting

At first, children will use a pencil. In Key Stage Two the children will be given a handwriting pen and will progress into writing in pen for all lessons apart from mathematics.

Please find with this leaflet an alphabet strip which shows the way we are teaching the children to join letters. We felt this would be helpful if you wanted to model the same writing as we do at school.