




Dunton and Wrestlingworth Schools Federation
Handwriting Guide



In Reception we teach the children that the letters belong in four family types. Children are taught correct letter formation alongside our phonics scheme.

The family of curly caterpillar letters 


c a d o s g q e f
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family of long ladder letters 

i t u j y
i t u j y

The family of zig-zag monster letters 

z v w x
z v w x

family of one-armed robot letters 

b n h m k p
b n h m k p

In Key Stage One children are encouraged to use letter joins once they are consistently forming letters correctly. Towards the end of Key Stage One they should begin to develop an easy and clear handwriting style which can become fluent and automatic.

In Key Stage Two children are expected to refine their handwriting and to make sure that the size and proportions of all letters, and the spaces between letters and words, are consistent and even.

Penpals: Example Letter formation before joining.
Bold dot indicates the starting point for forming each letter.

a b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t u v w
x y z

Penpals: Example Letter formation with joins

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz