

Cheddington School Handwriting Guide

Why is cursive Handwriting important?

- By making each letter in one movement, children's hands develop a 'physical memory' of it, making it easier to produce the correct shape.
- All letters flow from left to right making it less likely for children to reverse letters.
- There is a clear distinction between upper and lower case letters.
- The continuous flow of writing improves speed of writing and aids accurate spelling.

Things to remember

We have three main rules of handwriting:

- *all lower-case letters start on the line;*
- *all lower-case letters (not capitals) are joined;*
- *all capitals and numbers start high up (9, B, D, 4) and don't join lower-case letters.*

Letters can be practised in groups:

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

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.