

Handwriting guidelines

At OPA Ledger Lane, we will use the following scheme for handwriting.

Lower case letters

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

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Upper case letters

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

All children should be encouraged to use the joined up cursive style of writing. It will be introduced in foundation stage when children are capable of writing letters. Cursive handwriting can help children with spellings as they can learn the motion of writing letter strings and embed it.

As part of the new curriculum, handwriting is assessed as part of the children's writing ability. Letters should be formed correctly and be consistent in size. Upper case letters do not join to the rest of the word.

In order to meet the national expectation at the end of Key Stage One, children need to use diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. They need to make sure that their letters are the correct size, orientation and in relation to each other.

In order for children to meet the national expectation at the end of Key Stage Two, children need to maintain their legibility, fluency and speed in their joined up handwriting. Children can not go beyond the national expectation without meeting these requirements.