

What will good handwriting do for your child?

- make them feel good about themselves and their skills
- raise their self-esteem
- improve their self-confidence
- encourage them to take pride in their recorded work
- help others to read their work
- provide a vital link between home and school
- show a consistent style
- communicate thoughts and feelings

... to name but a few of the results!



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Handwriting



at College Park Infant School

Want to know how we develop handwriting? Then read on!

This leaflet will tell you about handwriting at our school and how we help to develop this vital life skill.

Write Dance

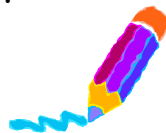
'Write Dance' is a series of drawing exercises which are done to music.

They start with large work, often using both hands and later progress to smaller and finer letter formation.



Why cursive script?

We encourage the children to use 'ways in' and 'ways out' to help them :



By using a 'cursive style' the children find it easier to ...

Join up their writing

Spell simple high frequency words that they have written many times.

So as a parent what can I do to help?

Encourage your child to ...

- do drawing, colouring, tracing, painting and other art activities.
- use different pens, crayons, pencils, felt pens.
- use playdough and plasticine to knead, pull, pinch and roll.
- make patterns on paper.
- have fun with pencil and paper activities.

What is hand gym?

'Hand gym' is a range of short fun activities which strengthens children's hands, fingers and pencil grip eg. using clothes pegs!