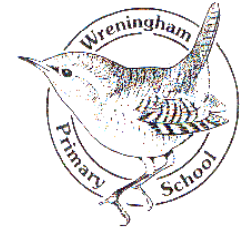


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Wreningham School is committed to Safeguarding
And promoting the Welfare of children



Wreningham V.C. Primary school

1 Corinthians 12:12, "There is one body but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body."

Reviewed Autumn Term 2023

Next Review Autumn Term 2026

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

This policy approved by the Governing Body Raising Standards Committee 27/9/23

Handwriting Policy

All policies at Wreningham VC Primary School should be taken as part of the overall strategy of the school and implemented within the context of our vision, aims and values as a Church of England School

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

Aims

Our overall aim is for pupils to develop legible, fluent and efficient handwriting which can be adapted to the purpose of the task. At Wreningham VC Primary School, joined up handwriting is taught with a sequential and progressive approach.

Our intention is to teach children correct letter formation, joining and good handwriting habits so that they can write fluently and legibly and begin to develop a personal and distinctive style.

At Wreningham VC Primary School our **aims** are:

- To **teach** correct letter formation.
- To **teach** children to write with a flowing hand which is legible and to the best of their ability
- To **support** the development of correct spelling and to aid in the elimination of letter reversals by the learning of word patterns and the correct joining of letters.
- To **ensure** that children of differing abilities are provided with appropriate and achievable goals.
- To **assist** children in taking pride with the presentation of their work.
- To **instil** in children the importance of clear and neat presentation in order to communicate meaning effectively.

- To **enable** children to develop their own style of handwriting as they progress through their later primary years.

In Reception children are taught the pre-cursive style which gets them ready for joining their letters in KS1. When needed, a moulded pencil grip is used to support correct hold. In KS1 children start to join their handwriting when they are ready and by the end of Year 2 the expectation is that all children will be beginning to join.

Model Used

Wreningham VC Primary School uses the Nelson handwriting scheme with the following letter formation.

The Four Joins

1. to letters without ascenders e.g. in, am, on
2. to letters with ascenders e.g. ab, ch, il
3. horizontal joins e.g. oa, wo, og, wi
4. horizontal joins to letters with ascenders e.g. wh, ob, al

-Practise the break letters *g q y j x z*

-Practise capital letters

-Don't join descenders

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

In Wreningham Primary we will move to writing from pencil to pen in UKS2 (Year 5/6). This will be when pupils can maintain legibility in joined writing when writing at speed and when they can maintain consistency in their letter formation.

The computer font is the Precursive 7, Joined PC7, Joined PC7c and Joined dotted PC7.

Handwriting Books

All children from Year 1 across the school will be using handwriting lined books.

Teaching Progression and Skill Development

Year Group	Recommendations
Foundation Stage	In the EYFS in the autumn term the emphasis is on fine motor skills. The focus is on letter formation, mainly of lower case. Model good handwriting and use correct formation as an adult in the class. Handwriting opportunities should be integrated every day and through play and sensory opportunities. A handwriting programme (Squiggle while you Wiggle) is used from the beginning of Reception.
Year 1	Letter formations – revise lower case and move on to capitals. Handwriting opportunities should be integrated in play and sensory opportunities. Children encouraged to join more words if ready. Model joined handwriting at all times other than during phonics lessons (Little Wandle scheme uses print writing when teaching new sounds and words.)

	<p>Teach the 4 joins as outlined above.</p> <p>When the children are secure in their letter formation they are taught to join.</p> <p>Nelson Resources Book Y1/2</p>
Year 2	<p>Revise letter formations – capitals and lower case.</p> <p>New sounds taught written in joined writing – expected to try joined handwriting.</p> <p>When able (by the end of the year), pupils expected to use joined writing in all curricular areas.</p> <p>Handwriting opportunities may still be integrated in play and sensory opportunities.</p> <p>Short daily sessions of handwriting practise completed</p> <p>By the end of Y2 most children will begin to join.</p> <p>Nelson Resources Book Y1/2</p>
Year 3	<p>Reinforce good practice of letter formations and joins.</p> <p>Expectation for joined writing to be transferred to all curricular areas.</p> <p>Weekly spelling practised for Year 3/4 in handwriting book.</p> <p>Early morning work to include handwriting practice.</p> <p>Nelson Resources Book Y3/4</p>
Year 4	<p>Reinforce good practice of letter formations and joins.</p> <p>Expectation for joined writing to be transferred to all curricular areas.</p> <p>Early morning work to include handwriting practice.</p> <p>Nelson Resources Book Y3/4</p>
Year 5	<p>Maintain consistent fluency and legibility in handwriting across a range of tasks when writing at speed.</p> <p>Weekly poems and spellings practised in handwriting books.</p>
Year 6	<p>Continue to develop personal writing style eg joining 'g'.</p> <p>Writing for a variety of purposes.</p> <p>Handwriting lessons to correct common errors.</p> <p>Nelson Resources Book Y5/6</p>

Expectations

- Handwriting practise should happen regularly across the school.
- It is important for teachers to model good handwriting when writing on the board, IWB or when providing written feedback.
- Children are expected to show care for their books, present their work with care, date work, underline where necessary and not make any marks on the covers.
- All pupils should have opportunities to watch adults writing and have opportunities to write for themselves.

Pencil Grip

- A tripod grip is the most efficient way of using a pencil and should be encouraged in early writing

Display

When we want the children to read text, e.g. learning objectives/worksheets, we will use pre- cursive or joined font where possible. We will also use other fonts in displays to show children a variety of fonts to reflect the wider world.

Handwriting is a taught skill and it is important teachers are seen to put a high value on teaching and sustaining neat handwriting. We believe children's self-esteem and pride in their work can be raised by high quality presentation.

Left-Handers

- Paper should be tilted to the right.
- Right hand should be used to steady the paper.
- Left-handed pupils should sit to the left of their partners.

Teacher assessment framework at the end of key stage 1

Working towards the expected standard

- form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another in some of their writing
- use spacing between words.

Working at the expected standard

- form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

Working at greater depth

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join some letters.

Teacher assessment frameworks at the end of key stage 2

Working towards the expected standard

- write legibly

Working at the expected standard/ Working at greater depth

- maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.

Monitoring and Evaluation

It is the role of the English subject leader to monitor the teaching and learning of handwriting throughout the school and school year. This is done through regular work sampling, analysis of assessment pieces and lesson observations.

Feedback from monitoring is used to inform staff of necessary developments in order to raise standards.