**Handwriting Progression**

**Key Stage 1**

**Year 1**

Pupils should be taught to:

* sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil correctly and comfortably
* begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
* form capital letters
* form digits 0-9
* understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’ (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.

**Year 2**

Pupils should be taught to:

* form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
* start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
* write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to use lower-case letters
* use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

**Lower Key Stage 2**

Pupils should be taught to:

* Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
* Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting (for example, by ensuring that the down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch).

**Upper Key Stage 2**

Pupils should be taught to:

* Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:
  + Choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
  + Choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task.