

Handwriting at Pearson – A Guide for Families

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| **Letter Phrases**As soon as children start with us in EYFS we begin teaching letter formation using the Read, Write, Inc. phrases.  |
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| We teach the children the correct sitting position and tripod grip for writing.  |
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| **The Letter Families**We explicitly teach handwriting in letter families in year 1. These are letters that are formed in similar ways.  |
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| **Joining Groups**The joining groups divide the letters accoridng to how they join to other groups. We encourage children to slant their letters at the beginning of year 2 anf then we begin teaching the joins later in year 2, when the children have secured their letter formation.  |
| Thirteen letters with exit flicks plus **s**.A picture containing text  Description automatically generated |
| Nineteen letters which start at the top of the x-height.A picture containing text  Description automatically generated |
| Six letters which start at the top of the ascender.Background pattern  Description automatically generated with low confidence |
| Five letters which finish at the top of the x-height.Background pattern  Description automatically generated with low confidence |
| Eight letters after which no join is made. Joins are not made to or from the letter **z**.Background pattern  Description automatically generated with low confidence |

