



Yarlside Academy Handwriting Policy

Member of staff responsible for this policy: Louise Knipe

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Aims

- For children to develop a fluent, legible, cursive handwriting style.
- By the end of key stage 1 we will endeavour to have the majority of pupils using a cursive script.
- To develop pupils confidence in using a joined style in all curricular areas.
- To raise the profile of handwriting to the pupils and parents and to offer a reward system for progress made.

Curriculum Delivery

- **Foundation Stage** - Reception pupils will experience early writing by using a multi-sensory approach, followed by good letter formation using a plain print with some cursive features.
- **Key Stage 1** - Pupils will develop their letters to have some cursive features with exit and entry strokes, focusing on correct grip. Cursive writing will be introduced once pupils are confidently printing with some cursive features.
- **Key Stage 2** - Pupils will follow the school handwriting scheme using a pencil and will progress through three stages at the recommendation of the class teacher. The Literacy subject leader will assess the writing to provide consistency throughout the school.
- A certificate and school pen will be awarded to the pupils during the Work of the Month assembly.
- A minimum half hour per week will be spent on a distinct handwriting lesson.
- Children experiencing problems/difficulties will be given extra support through using different pencils, triangular pens, extra lessons and other relevant resources.

Key Activities to Support Learning

- Letter formations will be displayed in the classroom.
- Quality handwriting will be encouraged in all curricular areas.
- Certificates and reward schemes will be used to raise the profile of the handwriting.
- Teachers, teaching assistants and student teachers will be encouraged to use the school's scheme when writing in children's books, marking and writing on the board.

Appendix to be attached with the school scheme and stages of progression.

Signed _____ Headteacher Date _____

Signed _____ Chair of Governors Date _____