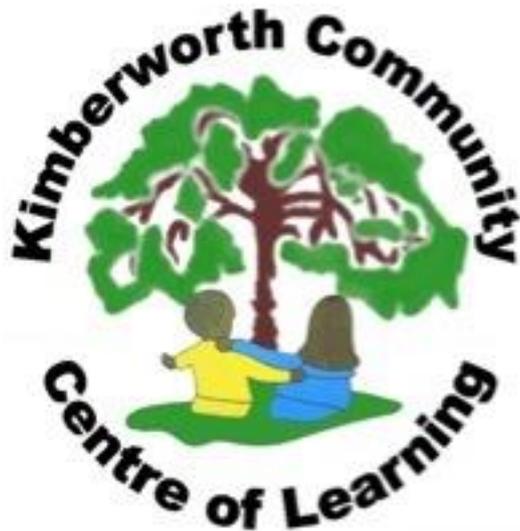


Supporting your child with handwriting...

Year 1 and 2



The information in this booklet will help you to support your child with the development of their handwriting, following the teaching they receive daily during school time.

If you would like any clarification or would like to know more please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Key Stage 1

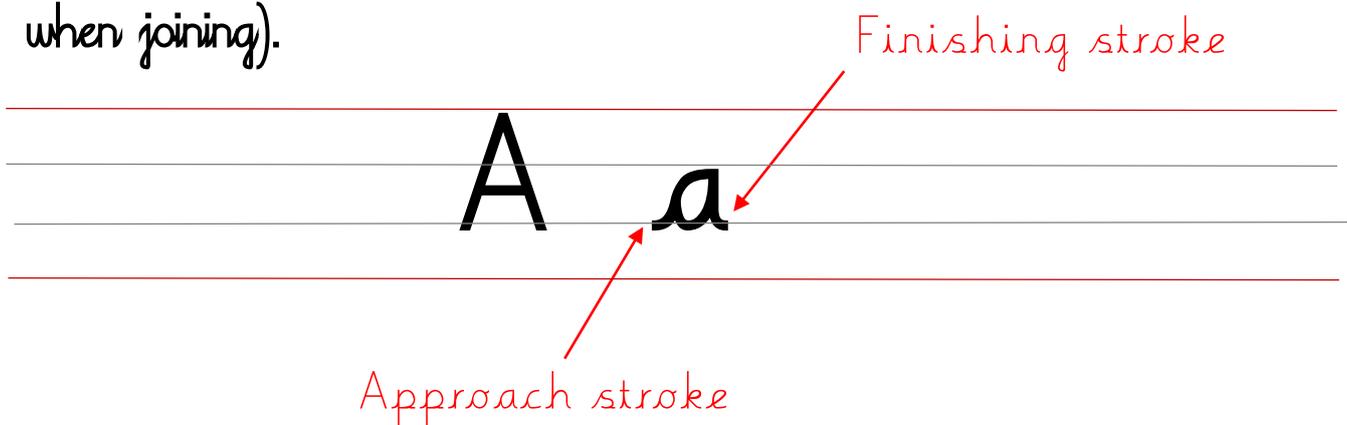
In Year 1, your child will continue to form each letter using the cursive style.

After they have developed a flow and technique they will then begin to join letters which will continue into Year 2 and then throughout school. (Capital letters are always left un-joined).

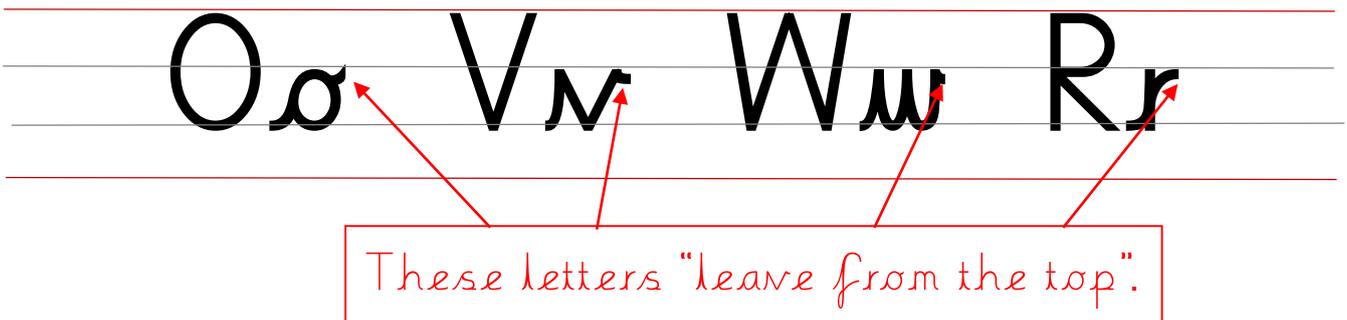
Below is the cursive lower case alphabet.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Please be aware that each lower case letter has an approach stroke and a finishing stroke (which will eventually lead on to the next letter when joining).



Each letter starts from the base line and returns to the base line (except where a finishing stroke leaves from the top: o n w r)



Below is an example of how each letter and its capital should be formed. Please note that ascenders are tall letters (b d f h k l t) and descenders are long letters (f g j p q y).

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff

Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll

Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq

Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww

Xx Yy Zz

When your child becomes confident and fluent with the handwriting style, they will then begin to join the cursive script. This will help develop flow and promote a fluent handwriting style.

Below is the cursive joined lower case alphabet.

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Please note that ALL capital letters are left un-joined. The ascenders are tall letters and the descenders are long letters.

It is important to remember that the letters *o*, *r*, *v* and *w* all join from the top of the letter not from the baseline, like all the other letters.

Below is an example of a sentence using the joined cursive script.

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Please use the back page to have a try yourself.

