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## Handwriting Lines of Progression

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### Emergent Writing - working towards Year 1

- Makes marks on the paper
- Forms writing differently from pictures.
- Uses letters and numbers in their writing.
- Forms letters of own name and uses them in their own writing.
- Uses other known letters in their writing.
- Can write the initial letters.

### In Year 1

- Is able to form letters of their own name correctly.
- Begins to form other letters correctly.
- Forms some other letters correctly.
- Forms all letters correctly.
- Orientates letters correctly in relation to other letters.
- Can group letters into words.
- Can space words.
- Is beginning to control the size of letters.

### In Year 2

- Begins to join some letters.
- Can control the size of letters.
- Can join some letters correctly.
- Can distinguish between capital letters and lower case letters.

- Does not mix up capital letters and lower case letters.
- Ensures that letters with ascenders and descenders are correctly orientated.
- Can join writing keeping it neat at all times.

#### **In Year 3 and 4**

- Can join most letters correctly.
- Can control the size and orientation of the letters within cursive joining.
- Is able to join letters legibly.
- Use different styles of writing according to the task e.g. note taking or best copy.

#### **In Year 5/6**

- Adopts a style of handwriting suitable to the individual child, but does not lose the neatness or legibility.
- Has a fluent cursive style.
- Uses a style appropriate to the task.
- Habitually uses a fluent cursive style.

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