

## How to help your child towards better handwriting

1. Begin with asking your child to write a sentence in his/her best handwriting here:

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2. Now, together answer the following questions, ticking yes or no for each
3. Finally on the last page, agree on three things which need improvement, and on which you will work together
4. Remember, it's little and often. Practise 10 minutes a day if you can. This will produce a substantial improvement!

## Pencil hold

Is your child holding the pencil or pen correctly? **Yes/No**

How does your child grip the pencil?

Too tightly? **Yes/No**

Normally? **Yes/No**

Too loosely? **Yes/No**

Does your child press too much? **Yes/No**

Is the pressure of their writing appropriate? **Yes/No**

Are the letters formed smoothly and clearly **Yes/No**

Do they shake? **Yes/No**

### ***Tip:***

***The pen or pencil should be held about 1.5 cm from the point of the right hander and at least 2cm for the left hander***

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## Position of the paper

Is the paper correctly positioned? **Yes/No**

Is the non writing hand on the paper **Yes/No**

### ***Tip:***

***Use the non writing hand to steady paper***

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## Sitting position

Ideally, your child should be sitting on a chair which allows them to have their feet on the floor and his forearm able to rest comfortably on the table.

Their head should be a reasonable distance from their work.

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## Letter formation

Letter size

Are the letters

Too small?            **Yes/No**

Too big?              **Yes/No**

Inconsistent?        **Yes/No**

**Tip:**

***All spaces between words and letters should be even.***

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Letter slope

Does the slope of the letters change?        **Yes/No**

**Tip:**

***Straight letters should be straight and parallel.***

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## Writing on the lines

Does the writing fall off the lines? **Yes/No**

Or does it jump in the air? **Yes/No**

### **Tip:**

***Use the special handwriting paper to help you***

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## Capitals

Does the writing have CaPiTAl letters mixed inappropriately? **Yes/No**

## CAPITAL LETTERS

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**

Lower case letters (small letters)

**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**

### **Tip:**

***Use capital letters for names of people and places and places, as well as new sentences***

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## Letter formation

Are the letters formed correctly? **Yes/No**

Are the numbers formed correctly? **Yes/No**

Look at the way your child forms their letters and compare them with the correct way:

***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***

***1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0***

The letters I need to work on are:-----

The numbers I need to work on are:-----

Are the horizontal joins correct?      **Yes/No**

*to from room two fox uote top rose*

Are the diagonal joins correct?      **Yes/No**

*It hide came chain mum that dig has*

Type of pen to use

**Tip:**

***Experiment with different pens. The width and shape of the barrel varies, as does the thickness of the nib. Select the one that suits your child and the style of writing.***

My child needs to work on:

1-----

2-----

3-----

