




Handwriting Policy

At Bounds Green, we have a whole school font (NTPrecursivefk) which we use for all typed writing across the curriculum allowing the children to see the correct formation of all letters at all times. We follow the Nelson Handwriting Scheme. Children have 4 short lessons a week where they learn the correct letter formations and joins in specific handwriting books. Children have many opportunities throughout the curriculum to apply what they have learnt in lessons.

Here at Bounds Green, our main aim is to develop creative writers who feel confident to take risks and communicate effectively through their written work. By using the Nelson Handwriting scheme, we hope that all children feel proud of their transcription skills and can explain their thoughts, ideas and opinions through their writing.

In Key Stage 1, children have 4 x 10minute sessions a week. For children who are not ready to begin letter formations, they will continue to develop their fine motor skills as this is the foundation for good handwriting.

Nursery	To develop basic movements for letter formation.	
Reception	To develop basic movements for letter formation. To refine writing movements and begin to form cursive letters.	
Year 1	Continue to form cursive letters correctly and begin joining patterns. Ensure ascenders and descenders and clear.	
Year 2	Nelson handwriting: to begin simple joins. Ensure capital letters are formed larger.	

In Year 2, all children will be given an OTP English book which has handwriting lines in to allow them multiple opportunities to correct and develop their size and accuracy of letter formation.

In Key Stage 2, children have 1 x 15 minute session where the teacher models a new 'join' to the class. The children then have 3x 10 minute sessions during soft starts to practise their handwriting.

Year 3	Continue joining handwriting developing more complicated joins.	Pupil Workbook 3
Year 4		Pupil Workbook 4
Year 5	To develop their own joined writing style.	Pupil Workbook 5
Year 6		Pupil Workbook 6

Children who are finding it difficult to present their written work will be given handwriting guides when carrying out extended writing or for those with significant issues around handwriting or fine motor a school laptop is provided for writing sessions. During handwriting sessions, these children will be given the opportunity to practise their touch type skills.