



Glenmere Primary School

OWLS Trust

Handwriting Policy

Aim

Children should learn to:

- Form letters correctly, leading to fluent, joined and legible handwriting style, giving increasing regard to presentation

Organisation

At foundation level and Year 1 children are to learn to form letters in a variety of ways with a particular focus on starting to form letters using the pre cursive.

The formation of letters is modelled by the teacher. Children practise by copying shapes in the air, sand writing, use of whiteboards and tracing over letters

Letters are practised in groups, having the same pattern

Individuals who appear to have difficulties with certain letter formation will be identified and supported

From year 2 onwards, children practise handwriting for 10 minutes daily. Children lower down the school and for those who need it will record in specific handwriting books – using the guide lines to support the different height of letters.

Children should be starting to form cursive handwriting in KS1, leading into KS2. By the end of KS2 the majority of the pupils should be forming cursive, legible handwriting.

Tools

Children work using pencil during their time in KS1 and continue this into Year 3 and 4.

During Year 5 and 6, children will be able to earn a pen licence – once they have demonstrated secure cursive handwriting.

