

Handwriting & Keyboarding

How to help your child at home:

Handwriting is still a necessary and important skill for children to learn. Writing the letters and numbers correctly can be practised at home.

Keyboarding skills are also essential now. Students are using iPads, laptops and Chromebooks each day. Here are links to online websites or apps that we use at school.....

Dance Mat typing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Alphabet Rain <http://www.powertyping.com/rain.shtml>

Alphabet Rain can also be loaded and saved to the desktop on iPads

Things to check on when your child is writing are –

- correct pencil grip – (the tripod grip) – there are special pencil grips on sale at the stationery stores to help correct any awkward grips
- correct starting points for letters (see below)
- correct anti clockwise direction for the curved letters
- capital letters in the correct places - (none in the middle of words)

See your child's teacher if you need any clarification or ideas for practising handwriting at home. Here is a sheet showing the correct starting points for the letters.

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