

South Kilworth Church of England Primary School

Helping with Handwriting

A Guide for Parents

In this booklet you will see how we teach children to form their letters.

We recognise that you will have developed your own style of writing over the years but where possible, if you are writing with your child, could you try your best to model our letter formation style. Young people tend to copy the older people around them and if they see you writing this way then they are more likely to try and adopt it too.

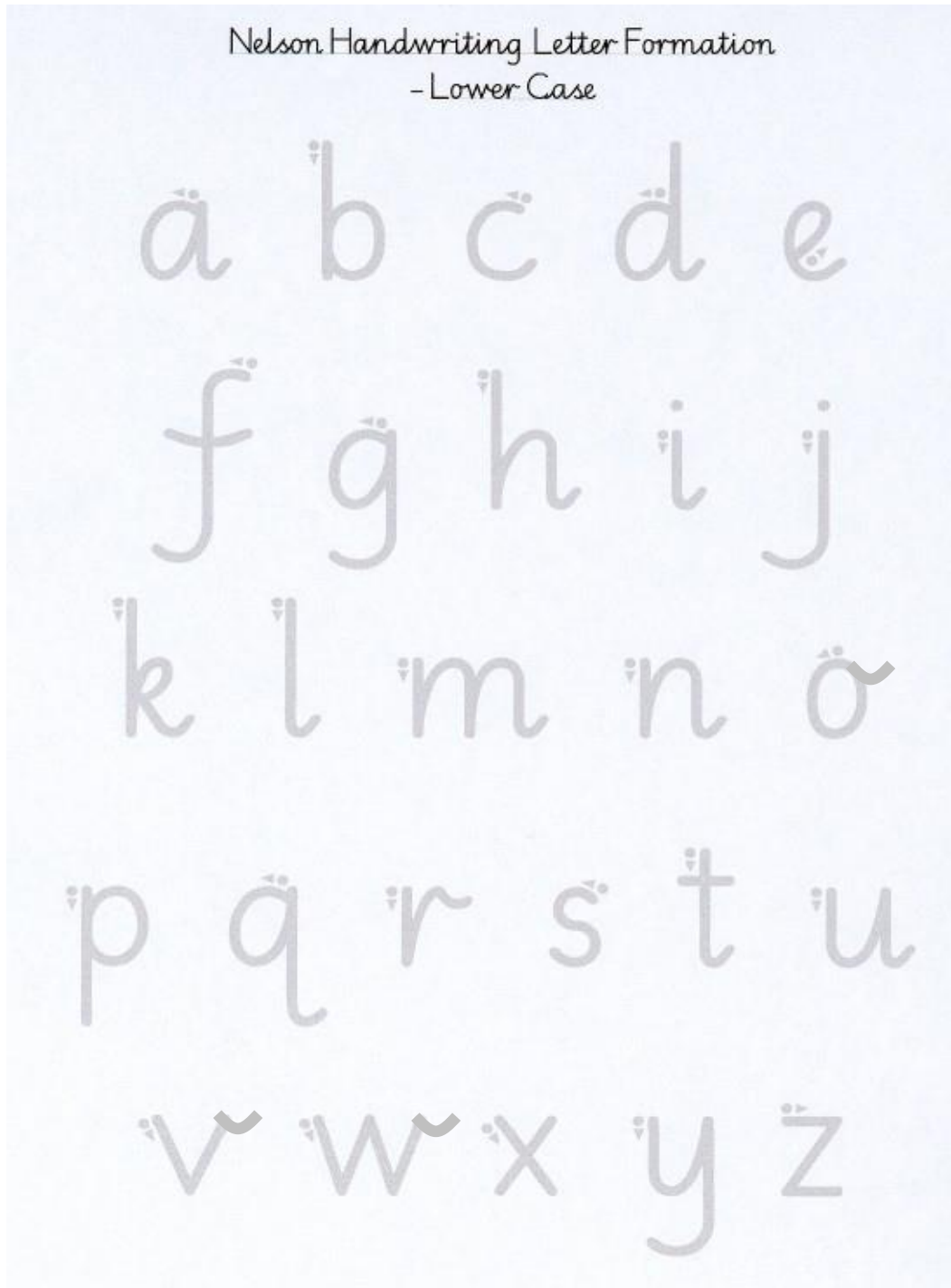
Watch your child as they form the letters the letters need to be made in one fluid move except for the i, j and t. Children sometimes take shortcuts by printing the letter and then adding the flicks later or starting the letters in the wrong places/ taking a different path to complete the letter than that shown. These different paths tend to take longer and make it more difficult to join letters up later on.

In the early stages of writing your child may still be making their mind up as to whether they are right or left handed, this is normal at this age. Children tend to try out both options and may be swapping from one hand to another as they complete a task. Overtime they will discover which hand works best and focus on using that one more. By the end of Reception, most children will have made up their minds. See <http://mamaot.com/2013/06/30/tips-for-teaching-lefties-to-write/>

If you need any further guidance, please talk to your child's teacher.

The Script we use

The dots and arrows show where to place the pencil to begin each letter.



Nelson Handwriting Letter Formation
- Capital Letters

A B C D E

F G H I J K

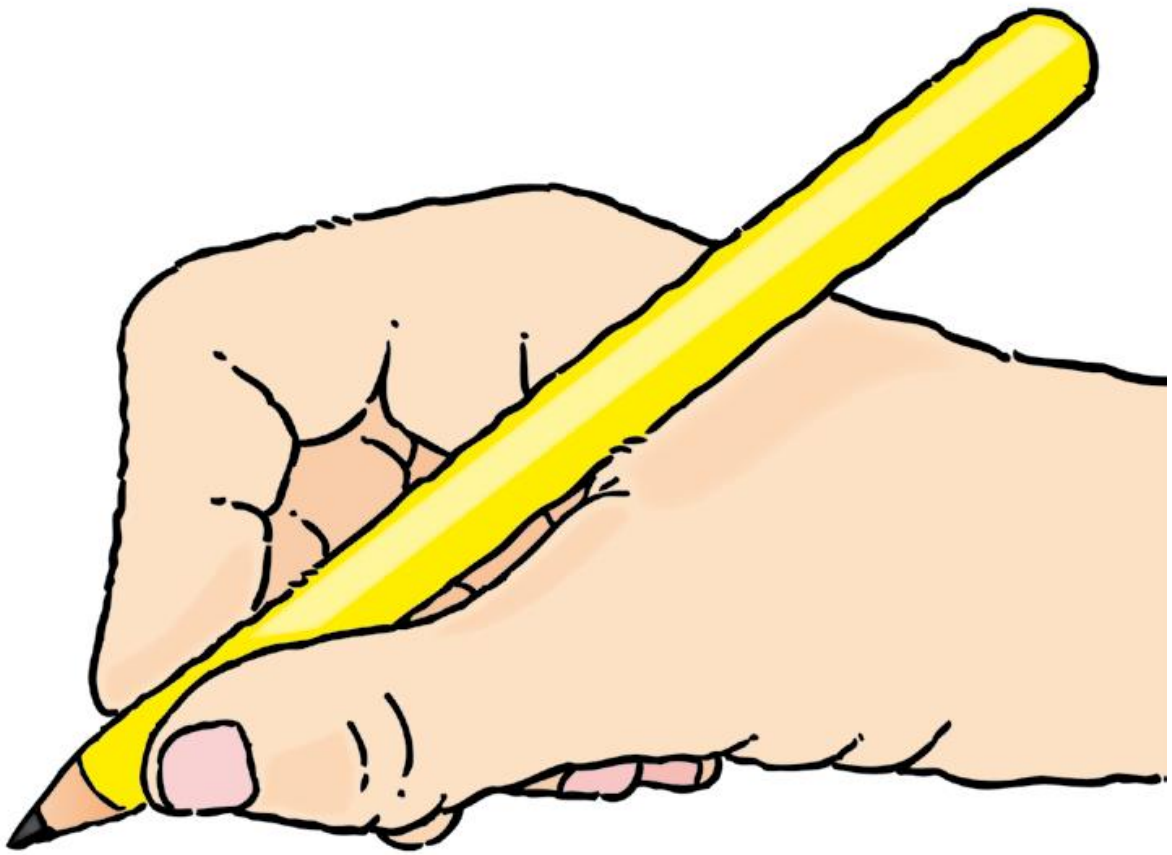
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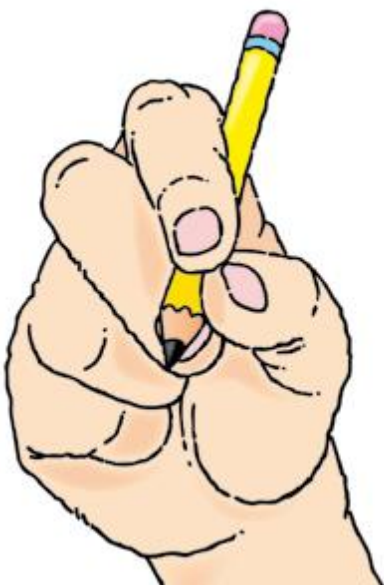
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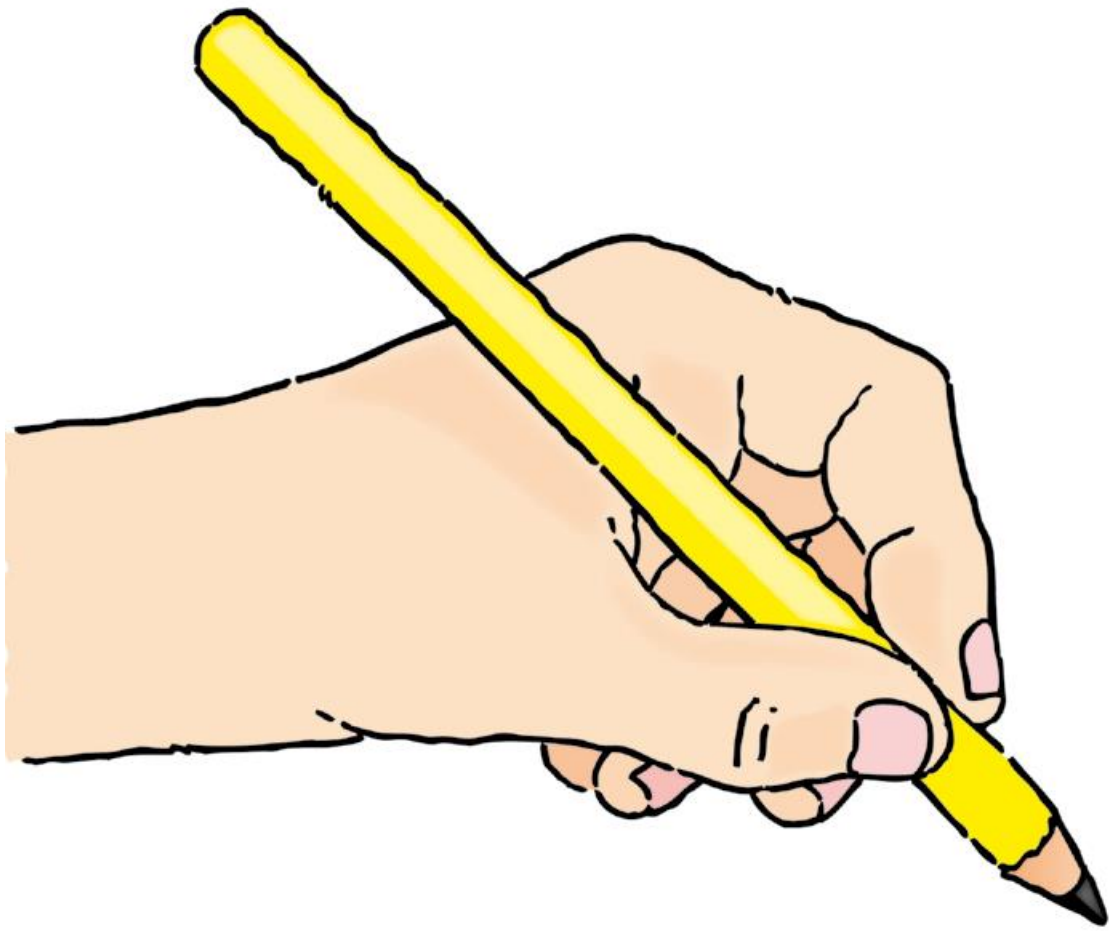
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Numerals

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6 7 8 9



Right hand Grip





Left hand Grip

