



Handwriting at St Bernard's



Our expectations:

Letters are formed correctly with final flicks	End of reception
Letters have ascenders and descenders and are written on the line with final flicks. Letters are even in size. k is curly. g, y, j and f have loops.	End of year 1
Children are starting to join their letters using the diagonal and horizontal strokes.	End of year 2
Children can join handwriting, maintaining consistency of size, ascenders and descenders.	End of Year 4
Children are able to add lead in joins and may develop their own style.	End of year 6

In order to achieve this:

Children need to learn to hold a pencil properly.

Handwriting must be taught and over-learned.

Errors in letter formation must be noticed. This can happen as they write or through scrutiny of what they have written.

Children must have time to practise their skill.

All staff must have high expectations of handwriting.

All staff must model appropriate handwriting when marking and on whiteboard.

Examples of excellent handwriting should be celebrated and displayed.

Teaching points		
Letters with flicks		<p>Move swiftly through the sequence and then start at diagonal joins and move through again using different letter combinations and linking to spelling patterns where possible.</p>
Diagonal joins - low	<p>Joining from : a, c,d,e,h,i,k,l,m,n,t,u,</p> <p>To: a,c,d,e,g,i,j,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,y,z</p>	
Diagonal joins - high	Joining to b,h,k,l	
Diagonal joins - from underneath	Joining from b, p and s	
Loop joins	Joining from g, j, y and f	
Top joins	Joining from v,w,o,	
Tricky joins	<p>Joining, r, x, qu, z,</p> <p>Extra practise for e, f</p> <p>Extra practise for o to ascenders</p>	

Low diagonal joins - i

dip, hip, lip, nip, tip, dim, hid, tin, din, did, him, lid

Low diagonal joins - u

up, hum, mum, mug, hug, tug

Low diagonal joins - e

hen, ten, men, dance, hide, tie, mend, he, let, leg,
lean, mean

Low diagonal joins - a

and, an, day, hay, lay, may, car, tar, can, name

High diagonal joins

hill, ill, the, cub, lick, tell, hack, lack, kick, tick,
chat, chip, chin, chick, chill, check, chap, lab

Underneath diagonal joins

bin, but, sleep, same, stink, please, pip, pet

Loop joins

sage, get, gig, yet, fat, fly, jelly, joy,

Top joins

van, cog, on, out, dog, fog, vine, wine, wig, vase

Tricky joins

re, rt, rn, ro, rg ee, ge, ve, we, oe
ot, ol qu zz, zi, za ox, xe

