



## **Duncombe Primary Handwriting Policy 2016**

Duncombe Primary considers handwriting to be a vital part of children becoming fluent and confident writers. We expect children to have neat joined writing by the time they leave Year 2 and therefore teach discrete daily handwriting sessions throughout the school.

Handwriting is taught every day for a minimum of ten minutes.

These sessions happen immediately after lunch except when the PPA activities are timetabled.

Handwriting is a taught lesson where the teacher demonstrates how to form letters correctly and children then practise these letters. The teacher monitors children's handwriting in these sessions and gives feedback.

When monitoring in handwriting sessions, teachers give feedback on:

- How children are sitting in their seat
- The pencil grip being used
- The direction in which children are forming letters
- Where letters sit on the page and on the line
- Correct use of upper case and lower case
- Whether letters are joined correctly

Any child who continues to struggle with their handwriting is provided with extra support. They will be given handwriting homework to do and attend interventions groups.