

Below is a copy of the school handwriting script
used in Year R:

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

Aldington Primary School



Helping your

child with

Handwriting



Year R

At Aldington, we believe handwriting is an essential skill which, like reading and spelling, affects written communication across the curriculum.

The teaching of handwriting will be closely linked with the learning of phonics and spelling strategies and taught as a movement skill in Early Years. We believe that a developed, joined handwriting style can assist with spelling, as the movements of the hand when writing, are firmly established in movement memory.

Children will be taught according to the school's handwriting policy and in ways appropriate for their age and ability.

By Year 2, all children will be expected to join their letters most of the time. A lead out of a letter will be introduced in Year 1, once children are forming **all** letters correctly. In Early Years, children will be taught how to form a letter in print, alongside spelling and phonics.

For any child typing within lessons, the expectation is they will use Century Gothic font and font size 11. There may be exceptions to this when presenting work or creating a PowerPoint or similar. This will be at the teacher's discretion.



HOW CAN I HELP?



First of all, encourage your child to sit upright, feet together and touching the floor. Model how to hold their pen/pencil correctly; thumb and forefinger gripping the pencil and middle finger supporting.

Secondly make it **fun!**

Examples, appropriate to their age and ability, could include:

- Air writing (imaginary letters or words in the air)
- Writing on a partner's back (partner feels for the correct pattern in letters or words)
- Sand writing (letters or words in sand or loose dirt)
- Paint writing (on an easel or outside on fences or playground using water)
- Leaf writing (shuffle feet in fallen leaves to make letters or words)
- Chalk writing
- Tracing or copying letters/words
- Make use of our Letter-join subscription (www.letterjoin.co.uk) accessible from home on a tablet or desktop.

For desktop access, use the
username: ald and password: ing

For tablet access, use the password
finger movement as shown here:

