

Cursive Handwriting Teaching Guidance

The Rules

- 21 letters start and end on the line.
- Letters o, r, v and w also start on the line but end with a top hook.
- The only letter that doesn't have a join after it is x.
- Capitals remain plain and never joined.

Recommended teaching letter order

- c o a d g q e
- i l t j u y
- h n m r b p k
- v w x z
- f s

Recommended teaching phases

Phase 1 - introduce formation in letter sets and teach 'magic tricks'

Phase 2 - review ascenders, descenders and sizing

Phase 3 - Capitals

Teach 10-15 minutes of handwriting everyday and lead by example.