



Dear Parents

Please find enclosed your useful guide to 'cursive handwriting'. This information can help you support your child at home with their handwriting and letter formation.

At Abbey our children are learning how to form their lower case letters using this cursive script. Cursive handwriting will help children learn a form of handwriting that will help them produce legible and reasonably effortless writing, improving their speed and competence. It supports basic reading and spelling achievement and is supported by the dyslexic foundation.

The children have already been trying out their cursive letter formation and practicing very hard. We are proud to say that they are all making excellent progress!

### Cursive Handwriting at Abbey

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<i>Curly caterpillar family</i>	<i>(Anticlockwise movements)</i>
c	Sweep up and over, pause, back down, round and exit
o	Sweep up and over, pause, back down, round, back to the top, flick and exit
a	Sweep up and over and pause, back down, round, up to the top, back down, flick and exit
d	Sweep up and over and pause, back down, round, up to the top, up, up, pause, back down, down and flick and exit
g	Sweep up and over, pause, back down, round, back to the top, down, down, round in a loop, up and exit
q	Sweep up and over, pause, back down, round, back to the top, down, down, flick and exit
r	Sweep up and over, pause, back down, in, across, round, down, in, out, flick and exit
l	Sweep up and over, pause, back down, down, round, up across and exit
e	Sweep up, pause, across, up and over, down, round and exit
<i>One armed robot family</i>	<i>(Down, up and over movements)</i>
n	Sweep up and pause, back down, pause, up, over, flick and exit
m	Sweep up and pause, back down, pause, up, over, down, flick and exit

<i>m</i>	Sweep up and pause, back down, pause, up, over, down, pause, up, over, down, flick and exit
<i>k</i>	Sweep up, up and pause, back down, down, pause, up, over and down, flick and exit
<i>l</i>	Sweep up, up and pause, back down, down, pause, up and over, round, down, in and out, flick and exit
<i>t</i>	Sweep up and pause, back down, down, pause, up, up, over, round, in and out, flick and exit
<i>k</i>	Sweep up, up and pause, back down, down and pause, up, out, round and in out down, flick and exit
<i>Long ladder fam</i> (mainly down and round movements)	
<i>l</i>	Sweep up, up and pause, back down, down, flick and exit
<i>i</i>	Sweep up and pause, back down, flick, dot and exit
<i>z</i>	Sweep up, up and pause, back down, down, round, up and exit, draw the arms across
<i>f</i>	Sweep up and pause, back down, down, round, loop and exit
<i>u</i>	Sweep up, pause, back down, round, up and down, flick and exit
<i>y</i>	Sweep up, pause, back down, round, up, pause, down, down, round. loop and exit
<i>Zig zag monster</i> (diagonal movements)	
<i>v</i>	Sweep up, pause, down, up, flick and exit
<i>w</i>	Sweep up, pause, down, pause, up, pause, down pause, up, flick and exit
<i>x</i>	Sweep up, pause, down, across, stop. Lift pencil. Place pencil at the bottom, up and across, flick and exit
<i>z</i>	Sweep up pause, across, pause, down and across, pause, straight across and exit

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Key vocabulary/phrases that can support your child's learning:

"Sweep up", "pause", "flick" and "exit". "start on the line and you'll be fine".

When considering the starting point use the phrase "entry point".

We hope you have fun learning alongside and supporting your child.

Thank you for your continued support.