

**How
important is
your Child's
handwriting?**



Is handwriting a thing of the past?



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Most adults don't write much by hand these days.

We use keypads on phones and I-pads, we type emails on a keyboard and we make voice notes to help speed things up.

Why is it so important that our children can write clearly at school?



Did you know?.....



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Writing by hand improves your memory and aids learning. Students retain more information when they have written something down rather than typing it using a keyboard.

Writing by hand helps us to slow down and fully engage with our thoughts.

Writing by hand creates creative and artistic opportunities.



Why is it so important in school?



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- All your child's exams are written by hand.
- Exam papers are then scanned into a computer and sent out to markers across the country to decipher.
- Your child's writing needs to be legible and if writing is unclear, then your child could lose important marks.



The problem

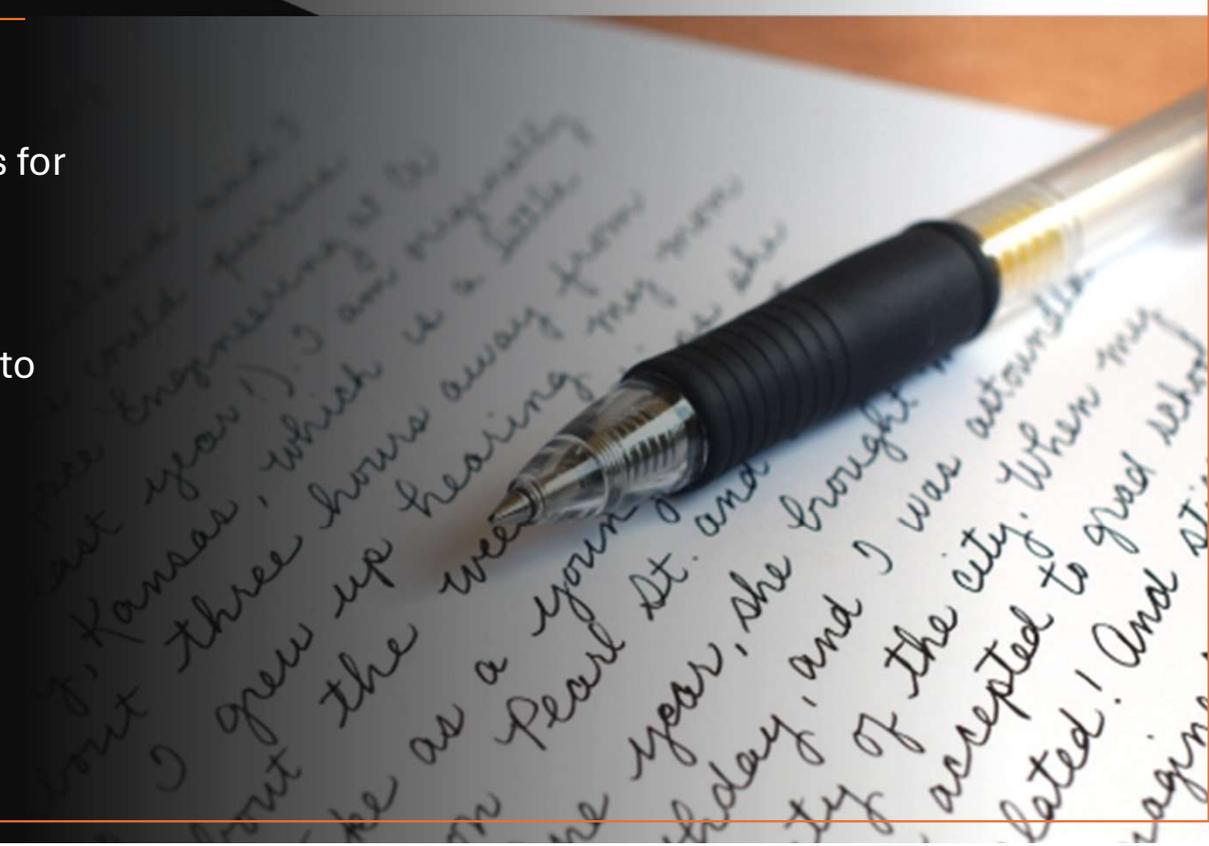


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There are a number of primary school and some secondary schools now using technology like I-pads for your children's work in school. They are doing less writing and getting less practice for their exams.

Schools do not have the capacity to allow all pupils to work on laptops in lessons or exams.

The SEN department in school have recently had a large increase in concerns from staff that pupil's handwriting is becoming less and less legible.



What can you do to help?



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Make sure your child has some practice of writing by hand at home. Try getting them to write shopping lists or using practice handwriting sheets (please get in touch if you need some of these as we can provide them)

Avoid cursive writing if this is hindering your child.

Be aware of how your child's handwriting could impact their final exam marks.

