

## BILTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

We are writing to inform you of the recent changes regarding handwriting at Bilton Grange. We have adopted a cursive, or joined up style for handwriting throughout the school. We believe that this will develop confidence, accuracy and fluency and improved presentation.

The cursive handwriting helps:

- to minimise confusion for the child as every letter starts on the line with an entry stroke and leads out with an exit stroke;
- as letters naturally flow into each other, this helps children to join their handwriting;
- form spacing between words as the child develops whole word awareness
- to develop a child's visual memory
- all children's writing skills regardless of academic ability
- to develop skills of punctuation and grammar

Each week children in KS1 will be engaged in handwriting lessons where they will see the letter modelled and will practise cursive letter formation.

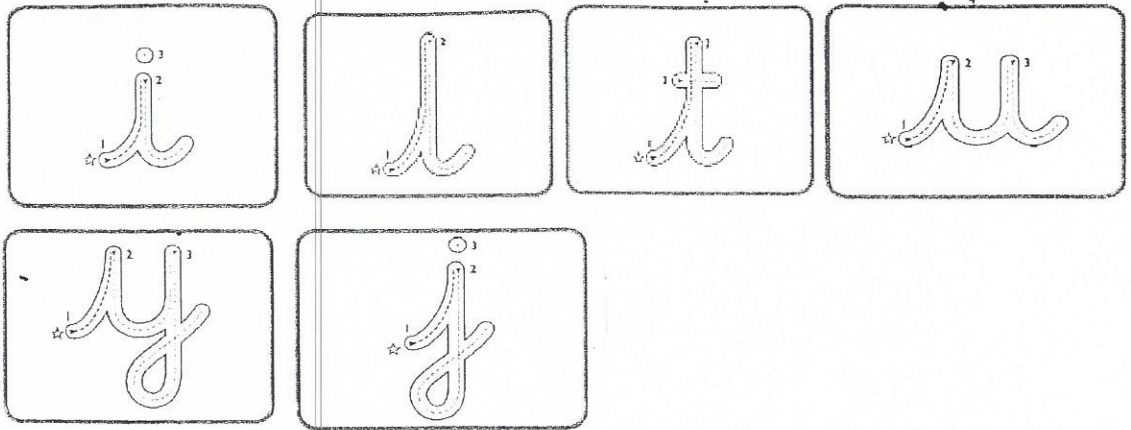
We would encourage you to support your child at home with cursive handwriting and have provided a copy of the letters for you to share with your children. There are many ways that you can practise writing letters in a fun way and here a few suggested ideas:

- Make the letter using finger paints.
- Let your child practise their letter formation in the air or on your back.
- Go outside and use chalk or wet paint brushes to practise letter formation on the ground.
- There are various websites to support with cursive handwriting and at school we use the following website where the children are able to watch short clips of modelled cursive letters, [www.teachhandwriting.co.uk](http://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk).

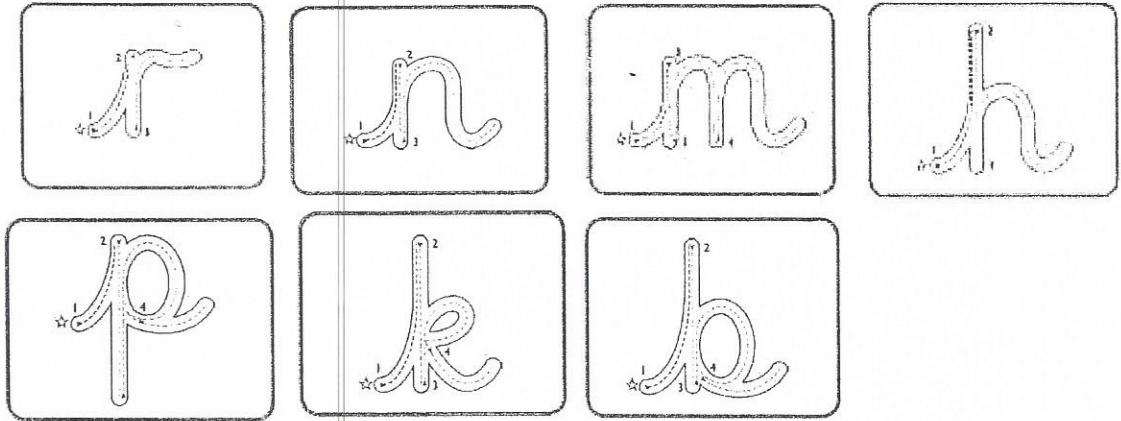
We hope you find this information useful and if you have any queries or questions about your child's handwriting please speak to your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

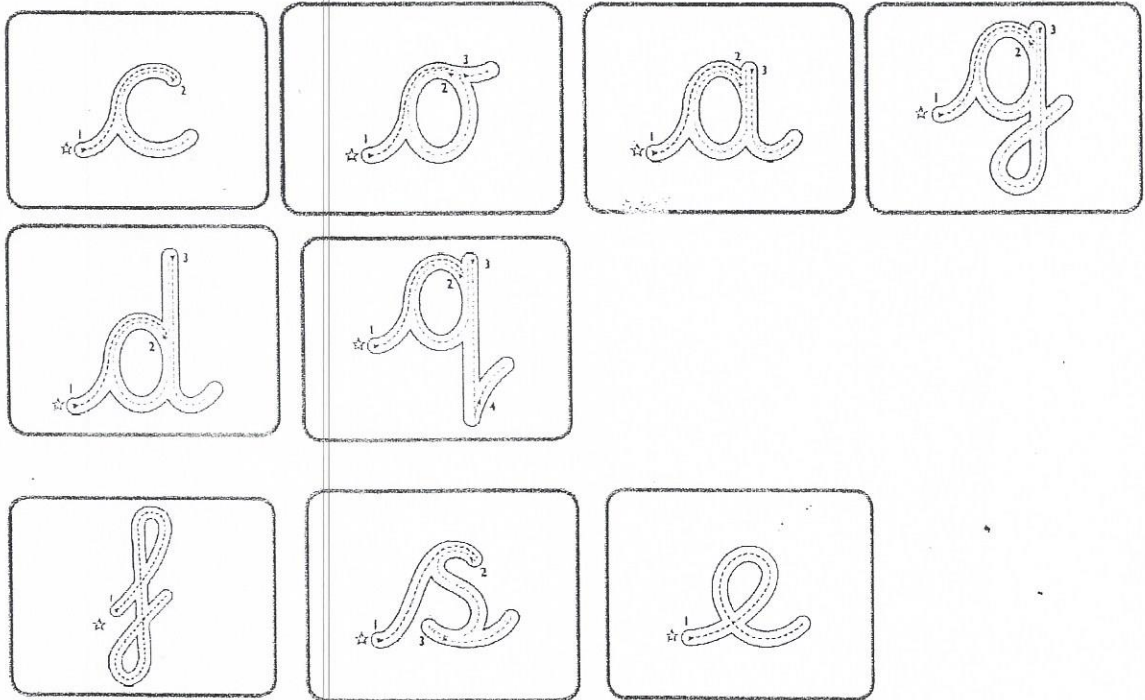
Long ladder letters:



Long armed robot letters:



Curly caterpillar letters:



Zig zag letters:

