

OPG World School

Hand Writing Policy

We believe in progressive and dynamic curriculum that keeps changing according to the needs of children. Children's needs are changing rapidly in today's fast changing world. Child of today finds it hard to write as she does not find any examples of writing in her immediate environment. It is easier for her to use an ipad than a pencil.

There is a debate going on all over the world about which style of handwriting to follow- 'cursive' or 'manuscript'. There is no evidence that cursive has any benefits over other handwriting styles, such as manuscript, where the letters aren't joined. However, imposing cursive from an early age (3-4 years of age) is not a good idea as the pressure that traditional cursive exerts on fine motor muscles of the children can lead to discomfort and which in turn may lead to dislike for any kind of writing tasks.

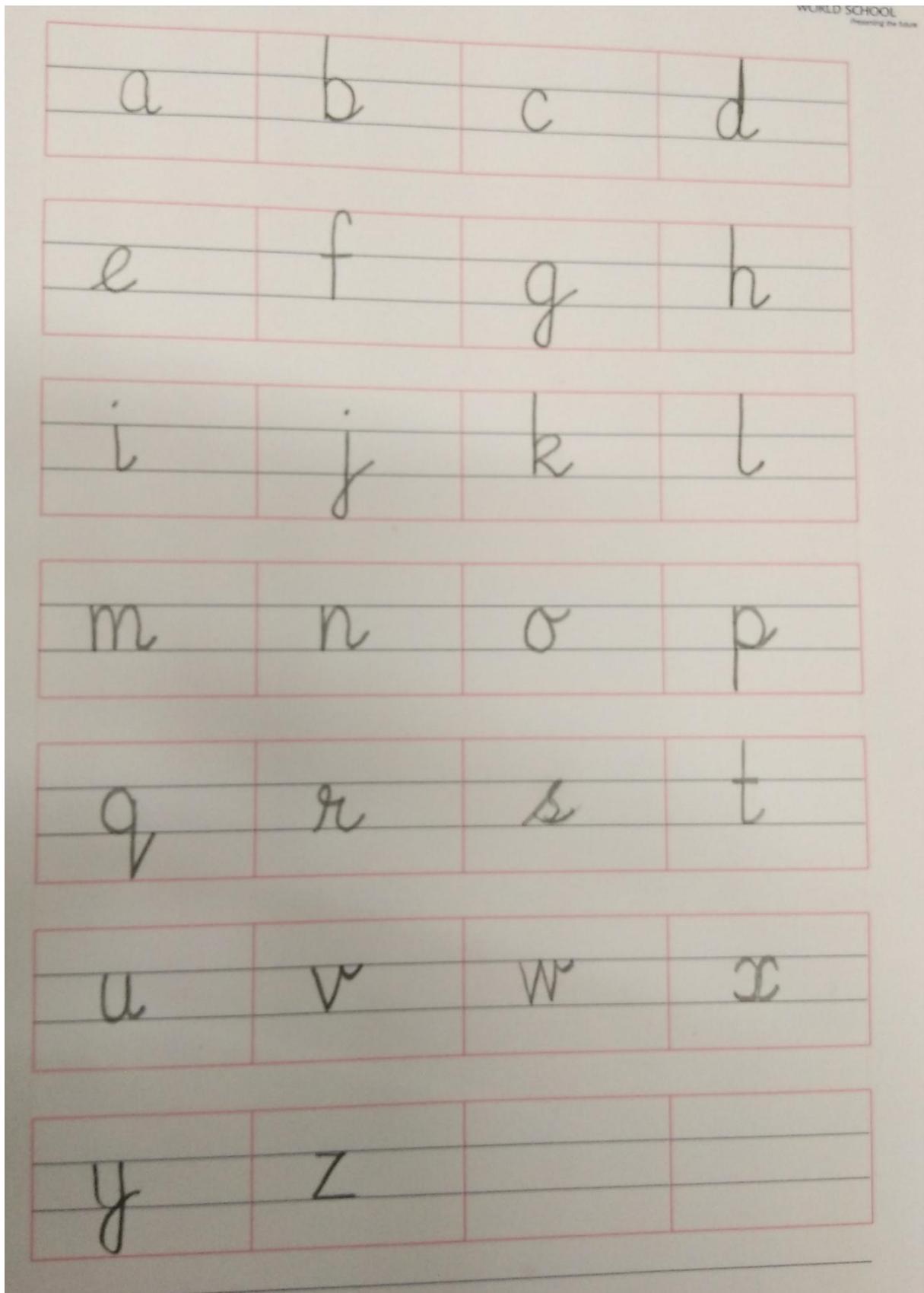
Research studies have failed to find any real benefit of cursive over other forms of handwriting. There is no perfect style of handwriting. Studies all over the world have proved that the students naturally develop their own personalized style of handwriting by the time they reach grade five or six which could be a mixture of cursive and manuscript, irrespective of the style of handwriting they were taught initially.

Whatever may the style of handwriting, it should be developmentally appropriate because when handwriting is perceived as arduous and time-consuming, motivation to write may be greatly reduced, leading to a lack of practice that may further compound difficulties with writing.

Handwriting in the earliest grades is linked to basic reading and spelling achievement; for example, when children learn how to form the letter m, they can also be learning its sound. Attention to the linkages among handwriting, reading, and spelling skills can help to reinforce early achievement across these areas.

On the strength of these findings, we developed our own style of handwriting which has been adapted from D'Nealian Manuscript Handwriting. This style is part cursive (some joined and some pen lifts) as most letters leave a tail in the end and are easier to join together when children start learning joined handwriting. There are a few exceptions like 'r', 's' which have been taken from the cursive script . Our ultimate goal is that our children learn to write neatly and fast and their writing is legible without causing undue stress to the little hands.

Handwriting Style Sample



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