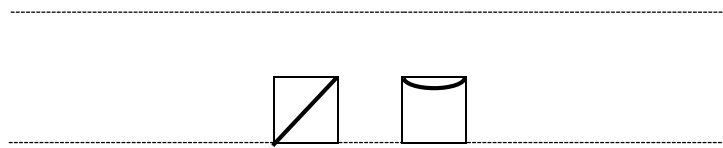


# Handwriting at St. Adrian's

Our handwriting style is an all-joined style with two main joins - a diagonal join which starts with the pencil point on the writing line and a washing line join.



At first, all lower case letters are taught as separate shapes starting with the pencil point 'on the line' to form the diagonal lead-in stroke.

The lower case letters are taught in the following sequence:

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

Descenders of letters f, g, j and y "...go straight down through the writing line with a thin loop..." and continue to form the beginning of the diagonal join to the following letter.

The diagonal join and washing line join need to be adjusted for writing the letter e.

Children are taught to think carefully about which part of each letter is the letter shape and which part of the letter is the join.

Not only are children taught to form each individual letter shape with fluency, they are taught to think carefully about the join each letter needs in whole words.

All upper case, or capital, letters are simple print letter shapes which do not join other letters. They start 'from the top' or 'in the air'.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm  
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz  
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The quick brown fox jumps over the  
lazy dog.