

Drayton Infant School letter formation

Drayton Community Infant School uses the Nelson Thornes Handwriting Scheme with the following letter formation:

Lower case letters

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Capitals

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Numbers

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Please see below for the correct starting point for each lower case letter. Please also note the correct positioning of the letters on the lines.



In Year 2 children are taught to join letters as follows:

Nelson Handwriting is an upright, plain style.
It classifies the letters of the alphabet into five overlapping sets.

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| Set 1 | Lower case letters which have hooks at the bottom of the a height. | a c d e h i k l m n t u |
| Set 2 | Lower case letters which commence at the top of the a height. | a c d e g i j m n o p q r s u v w x y |
| Set 3 | Lower case letters which commence at the top of the ascender. | b f h k l t |
| Set 4 | Lower case letters which conclude at the top of the a height. | f o r v w |
| Set 5 | Lower case letters after which no join is ever made. | b g j p q s x y z |

No join is made *to* z either.

Nelson defines the joins between letters using these sets.
Only four types of join are needed.

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| Basic join | Set 1 → Set 2 | i n m a k i |
| Second join | Set 1 → Set 3 | a b i f c o |
| Third join | Set 4 → Set 2 | o a f o w e |
| Fourth join | Set 4 → Set 3 | o b f l w h |