## **Drayton Infant School letter formation**

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

Lower case letters

## abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

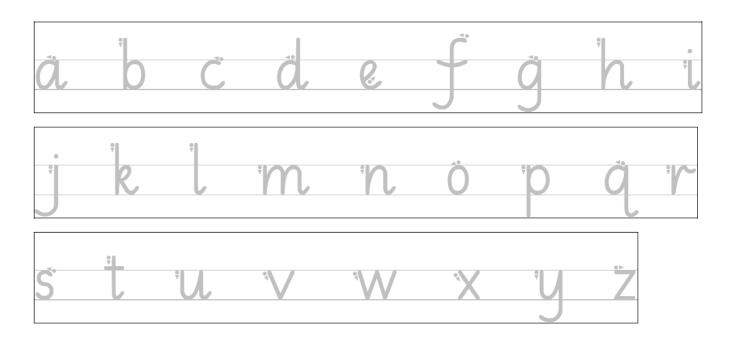
Capitals

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

1234567890

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.

Set 1	Lower case letters which have hooks at the bottom of the a height.	acdehiklmntu
Set 2	Lower case letters which commence at the top of the a height.	acdegijm no pqrsuvwxy
Set 3	Lower case letters which commence at the top of the ascender.	bfhklt
Set 4	Lower case letters which conclude at the top of the a height.	forvw
Set 5	Lower case letters after which no join is ever made.	bgjpqs×yz
		No join is made <i>to</i> z either.

Nelson defines the joins between letters using these sets.

Only four types of join are needed.

Basic join	Set 1 $\rightarrow$ Set 2	in ma ki
Second join	Set 1 $\rightarrow$ Set 3	ab if co
Third join	Set $4 \rightarrow $ Set 2	oa fo we
Fourth join	Set 4 $\rightarrow$ Set 3	ob fl wh