

# HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING

## HANDWRITING



Writing by hand remains an important life skill which has unlimited benefits, both within and outside the classroom:

Stress relief      Memory      Feelings  
Creativity and learning      Gratitude  
The benefits of writing by hand can lead to improved mental wellbeing and health so let's get writing!!!!

## ASSISTING YOUR CHILD TO WRITE

Find out how you can be proactive in assisting your child to write. There are so many useful tips right at your fingertips:

Take a look at the link below to find out how you can assist your son to grow some confidence in writing without constraints so he can personally benefit at the same time:

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/improve-kids-writing-skills/>



## WORK WITH THE SCHOOL



Family members are an important audience for your child's school writing. As an interested listener, parents may ask, and talk, about the ideas their children have been working on in school writing.

Don't forget to talk to the teachers of your child about the writing expectations at school so it can be supported at home when needed.

## IDEAS TO GET STARTED...

- Start keeping a personal diary, a household guestbook, or a baby book for a younger sibling.
- Have your child write instructions for taking care of the family pet.
- Keep a board and write and read messages to family members.
- Give your child a pad of sticky notes to write reminders to themselves.



## ...AND SOME MORE...

- Write an online review of a book or an item you recently purchased or a recipe you tried.
- Write a progressive or 'choose your own adventure' story together, alternating chapters!
- Keep daily notes on what is happening on your favourite TV show or a film that you have watched together!



## ...AND FINALLY...

- Write about events that are coming up in your family and any organisation that needs to happen around these!
- Plan and write your weekly menu together.
- Keep a family calendar and write down family events.
- Make and write greeting cards, birthday cards and thank you notes.



We'd love to hear from you! If you have any great ideas on how you encourage your child to write at home then please send them through...or better still, get your son to write and send it on your behalf!

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? START WRITING!**

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