

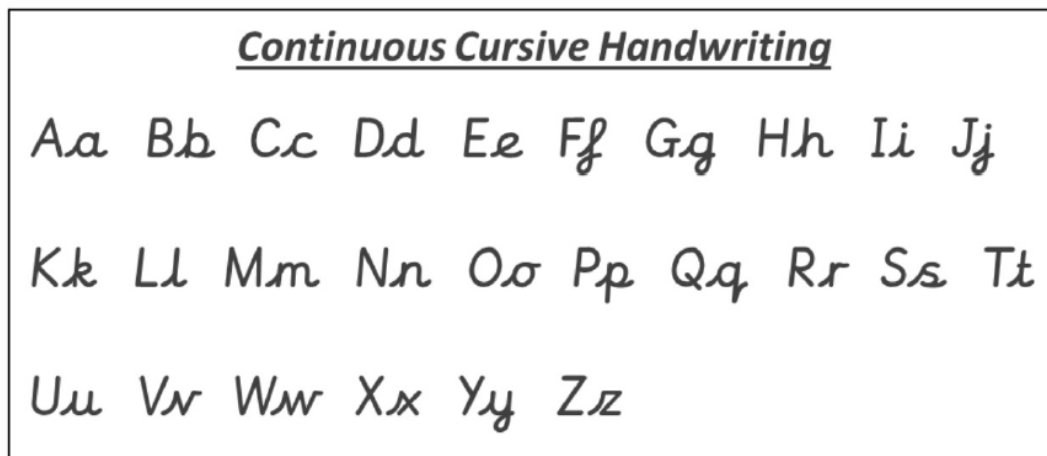
Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Standards & Outcomes**

At Woodberry Down we have always had high expectations of our children and consistently encourage them to do their best. Our shared school values allow the staff to talk about these expectations with the children and to link this to the work they complete in class. We encourage the children to take responsibility for their own learning and that they are always focussed on progress and improvement.

The children complete handwriting tasks at school during which they are encouraged to use a cursive script to complete patterns and practice joins. They are then expected to write in this style in their curriculum books like geography, history, writing, maths and science.



I am sure that the children have come home to tell you about our renewed focus on presentation in the children's books including our assemblies this week. The children have been incredibly enthusiastic about this and there has been a real sense of excitement.

This week, some of our KS2 children were awarded with a new pen licence and microball pen. These were awarded to the children who have demonstrated their maturity and diligence with their work.

We believe that all of our children should have a pen by the time they reach Year 6. With your support and encouragement, we believe that the children will demonstrate such excellent results. For those children who need additional support in this area, our teachers will offer handwriting practice books to take home with them next week.

In the meantime I wanted to share with you some examples of the expectations we have of our children. These books belong to children from Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 at Woodbery Down Primary School.

Monday 14th November 2022. Use // to show me where a new paragraph starts. Under the gloomy dim day Dog Man would thread through the mysterious path...

Thursday 12th January 2023. Tuesday 17th January 2023. A hamlet is a settlement with houses and no other buildings. A village is a settlement with houses and a few buildings. A town is a settlement with lots of houses and other buildings. A city is the largest of settlements.

Friday 16th September 2023. Could you live in the polar regions? Physical features of the Arctic and Antarctic: Arctic circle, Antarctic circle, physical features like mountains and ice.

Tuesday 20th September 2023. Thursday 6th October 2023. Bang! What was that noise? Oh it was my extraordinary Bang! I was actually enjoying this because I did not think I was in a room by day...

Thursday 24th September 2023. Friday 25th September 2023. In an instant everything changed, the clouds burst in grey as the sky lit up. Can you explain how you write dialogue? I wrote dialogue by looking at examples.

Tuesday 10th January 2023. Wednesday 11th January 2023. The Boy of Ice. This is a must for my snowlover! Engage your pencils with the Boy of Ice. Reasons why Lila should be allowed to become a member of the special club.

Kind regards,  
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Derek Hewie  
Headteacher