

## **Making Handwriting Fun!**

Practising handwriting at home can sometimes seem like a chore so here are some ways you could make it more fun! These can be done with any age child. It may be a good idea to combine their spelling practise with some of these writing activities.

### **Messy writing!**

Using foam, paint, glitter or anything similar, have your child practise on a flat surface.

EYFS – Mark marking and shapes

KS1 – Letters

KS2 – Spelling whole words



### **Handwriting tool box!**

Have a box full of a variety of different writing implements including pens, pencils, felt tips, and encourage your child to use a range to practise their handwriting.



When writing with a pen or pencil, check your child is sitting comfortably with their feet flat on the floor and holding their pencil with the correct grip.



### **Weird writing!**

Write underneath a table, laying down on their tummy or kneeling. Find the strangest place to write! Some children may benefit from writing on a vertical surface such as an easel or a slope.



### **Reasons to write!**

Come up with lots of reasons for writing in the real world. These could be shopping lists or writing an order in a restaurant. Use play to create scenarios where writing would be needed. KS2 children could copy out recipes in their neatest handwriting and then make it! Send postcards to friends and family from days out.

### **Emoji warm ups!**

There are many brilliant videos online with handwriting warm up and strengthening activities. Use emojis to create a warm up together just like this example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP0GQfvtHsQ>