



Lessness Heath Primary School

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Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility

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Dear Parent/Carer

From the beginning of this academic year we have introduced a whole school cursive script approach. We took this decision because on-going research clearly shows strong links between using a joined cursive handwriting style and the development of more confident writers, improved spelling skills and writing fluency.

In recent years it has been shown that by introducing cursive writing into the Early Years has caused significant improvements in both handwriting and presentation skills as the children progress through the key stages.

We believe it is important that children take pride in their work and take responsibility for their efforts; self-esteem and confidence are critical to reaching potential. If presentation skills and handwriting are poor, it is difficult to motivate children to improve once bad habits have been adopted. By introducing a consistent handwriting programme and supporting children with the appropriate resources right from the beginning, we are confident they will have developed the mechanical skills of writing as they approach upper juniors.

Children will be encouraged to earn their pen licence by showing the cursive script in their learning books and have been given a checklist of things they need to do to earn one and this will be celebrated during merit assemblies

Your support and encouragement are essential to ensure the children talk about their writing, their learning and their developing skills at home as well as in school so that we can celebrate their progress and achievements together.

If you have any questions or queries, please see myself or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A. Cross
Assistant Head Teacher



Lessness Heath Primary School Cursive Script

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