Handwriting Progression Document

Nursery		✓ Marks have meaning.
Reception		✓ Correct letter shapes.
Year 1		✓ Spaces between words. ✓ The letters sit on the line. ✓ The capital letters are tall.
Year 2		✓ Tall ascenders. ✓ Hanging descenders. ✓ All letters are the correct shape. ✓ All short letters are the same height. ✓ All ascenders are the same height. ✓ Lead-ins are starting to be used.

Year 3	abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVXYZ because if when that or and but . ? ! , " " 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 × − ÷ + ↑ b d f h k l t ↓ f g j p q y ff ph ll le mm mb nn kn rr wr ss se ce ve zz sh ti ci th ng nk bb ck ch dd gg ge dge pp qu tt wh tch ea ay igh ow oa oo ue ew ar or oor ore aw au air are ir ur er ou oi oy ire ear ure ate ame ed ing er est ier iest ful ment un anti re	✓ Special friends are starting to be joined. ✓ The heights of all letters are correct. ✓ The shapes of all letters are correct. ✓ Letters are parallel.
Year 4	abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU VWXYZ I can use diagonal and horizontal joins in my writing I make sure that my ascenders and descenders don't bump into each other.	✓ Correct diagonal and horizontal joins. ✓ Correct spacing between words. ✓ Ascenders and descenders do not touch.
Year 5	I can write quickly, using the correct joins, the correct letter shapes and sizes and the correct spacing between words. My letters are parallel to one another.	✓ Joined handwriting helps to write at speed. ✓ I know that the standard of my handwriting might change when writing quick notes.
Year 6	I can choose the best handwriting style for the task. For example: · Presenting my work beautifully; · Illustrating a story; · CREATING A POSTER; · FILLING OUT A FORM. I can choose the correct tool for writing. For example: · Pencil; · Pen; · **Felt tip,** · **Fountain pen.**	✓ I can choose a handwriting style to suit the task. ✓ I can choose the best tool to write with to suit the task.