

Modelling Handwriting

When you model handwriting or letter formation to your child it helps if you use these guidelines so that your child will find it easier as they develop their skills in writing. You can model letter formation by:

- ❖ *the movement of creating the letter shape in the air, on the ground, on a steamy window or mirror*
- ❖ *use words to describe how your pencil or finger is moving (e.g. down and around)*
- ❖ *visually representing the final letter, your child may wish to copy this*
- At nursery we do not use tracing, templates, stencils or worksheets as these do not value the children's own marks and can discourage them from "having a go" themselves.
- Start with showing your child how to write the letters in their name and letting them have a go.