

## Handwriting September 2018

The whole school adopted a new cursive approach to handwriting in September 2017. Children are now learning how to write letters in Junior Infants with ‘lead in and out’ strokes at the start and the end of each letter. They practise these as separate flowing letters in the infant classes. In First Class they begin to join these letters together and are encouraged to use cursive script for all writing.

This approach is in line with the New Primary Language Curriculum Guidelines. It is designed to develop the pupil’s ability to write legibly in a relaxed way at an acceptable speed.

Beginning with separate flowing letters which will be joined later is a more natural progression and it allows for faster and more automatic left-to-right movement.

As this approach is still new to the children in the school we have selected workbooks which will allow for a systematic and correctly paced approach for each stage and year group. Therefore please check carefully the handwriting book listed on your booklist. The book on the booklist may not correspond this year with your child’s class level.

<b>Class/ Year Group</b>	<b>Handwriting Book/s</b>
Junior Infants	Just Cursive Book and practice copy set. Junior Infants Pack (Just rewards)
Senior Infants	Just Cursive Book and practice copy set. Senior Infants Pack (Just rewards)
First Class	Go with the Flow <b>C</b> ( CJ Fallon)
Second Class	Go with the Flow <b>D</b> ( CJ Fallon)
Third Class	Go with the Flow <b>D</b> ( CJ Fallon)
Fourth Class	Go with the Flow <b>E</b> ( CJ Fallon)
Fifth Class	Go with the Flow <b>E</b> ( CJ Fallon)
Sixth Class	No workbook