



## BRAMCOTE HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### *Handwriting*

1. Check that children are *holding their pencil correctly*  
- look for the tripod grip (the frog sitting on the log)
2. Start letters in the correct place. Most letters start at the top and go down or at the beginning of a curve.

Exceptions are: *d* and *e* which start in the middle  
*z* which has a horizontal start

3. Use lines occasionally to ensure correct positioning of descenders and ascenders
4. Add flicks to *i l u n m h a d*
5. Go from the end of one letter to the starting place of the next letter.

This usually means a diagonal upstroke

eg *a - an or ar ag*

Sometimes it is a horizontal stroke

eg *oa va wa*

Exceptions - upstrokes to ascenders

Eg *al ah*

6. If a letter finishes by going left, do not join

Eg *p b j y g f s*

7. Don't join *z q*

8. Observe children as they write - check pencil grip and hand movement