

Early letter formation advice sheet

When your child reaches the stage where they are trying to write their own name it would be helpful if you could:

Use a capital letter at the start of their name only and then use lower case letters.

Lower case letters should be started at the top of the letter, not the bottom and should commence at the red dot as shown below, always reading from left to right.

It is very important that your child holds their pencil in the correct way.

The pencil should be held in the "tripod" grip between the thumb and the first two fingers. The grip is the same for both left and right handed children. If a child's hold starts incorrectly, it is very difficult to correct later on.

It is important to learn the correct movements from the start as it is harder to break bad habits than it is to create correct letter formation patterns.

Thank you for your help with this.

