

# The Blue School Handwriting Progression Map - Joining

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	Year 2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
<b>Autumn 1</b>		The children will revisit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing line to boat</li> <li>• washing line to sun</li> <li>• washing line to sister</li> <li>• 0-9</li> <li>• capital letters</li> </ul>	The children will revisit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing line to boat</li> <li>• washing line to sun</li> <li>• washing line to sister</li> <li>• 0-9</li> <li>• capital letters</li> </ul>
<b>Autumn 2</b>	The children will be taught to form diagonal joins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arm to boat</li> <li>• arm to sun</li> <li>• arm to sister</li> </ul>	The children will revisit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arm to boat</li> <li>• arm to sun</li> <li>• arm to sister</li> <li>• break letters: q, x, z</li> <li>• capital letters</li> </ul>	The children will revisit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arm to boat</li> <li>• arm to sun</li> <li>• arm to sister</li> <li>• break letters: q, x, z</li> <li>• capital letters</li> </ul>
<b>Spring 1</b>	The children will be taught horizontal joins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing line to boat</li> <li>• washing line to sun</li> <li>• washing line to sister</li> <li>• break letters: q, x, z</li> </ul>	The children will revisit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing line to boat</li> <li>• washing line to sun</li> <li>• washing line to sister</li> <li>• 0-9</li> <li>• capital letters</li> </ul>	The children will revisit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• washing line to boat</li> <li>• washing line to sun</li> <li>• washing line to sister</li> <li>• 0-9</li> <li>• capital letters</li> </ul>

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	• capital letters		
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## **a. The arm to boat join**

The arm join should not be too straight or too curly.  
(This depends on the school's adopted style.)

Phrase: 'Sweep up your arm to touch... (say letter).'

### **Checklist**

- ✓ write the first letter carefully
- ✓ make the curl gentle – not too round, not too spiky
- ✓ make the 'arm' sweep up in a gentle curve
- ✓ write the downstroke of the second letter very straight

Use for joining:

**a c d e h i k l m n t u**

to:

**e i j m n p r u v w x y z**

Break letters: q, x, z

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ai ae aj am ar

ci ce cu cy

di dr dy de

ee ei em er

he hu hi hy

ie ir ip iw iy

ke ki kn ky

Break letters: q, x, z

le lm lu ly

me mi mm mu

ne ni nu ny

te ti tu ty tw

ui ue up

uw uy

## **b. The arm to sun join**

The arm should meet the next letter just over halfway up. It should sweep smoothly into the sun letter.

Phrase: 'Sweep up your arm to touch... (say letter) and shoot up to the top.'

Checklist

- ✓ write the first letter carefully
- ✓ make the join like an arm – not too straight, not too round
- ✓ continue the line up to the top of the next letter
- ✓ write the second letter carefully

Use for joining:

**a e i d h k l m n t u c**

to:

**b h k l t**

Break letters: q, x, z

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ab ah ak al

at eb eh ek el

et ib ik il it

al ch mb th da

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## c. The arm to sister join

The arm should touch the sister letter's forehead and then go to the back of the head as though resting a hand.

Phrase: 'Sweep up your arm to touch... (say letter) and stroke the sister's head.'

Checklist

- ✓ write the first letter carefully
- ✓ make the join like an arm – not too straight, not too round
- ✓ continue the arm join over the head of the 'sister' letter – as though a hand is stroking back her hair
- ✓ go back along the head
- ✓ write the second letter carefully

Use for joining:

**a c d e h i k l m n t u**

to:

**a d g c o q**

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ic ka ko la

ld lo

Break letters: q,

x, z

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