

## Writing Non – Negotiables

When the children are writing in school, we have certain aspects that we always pick them up on. These differ slightly across KS1 so the non- negotiables for **Year 1 are coloured in green** and **for year 2 look out for the blue**. When the children are completing homework or doing any form of writing, please ensure that your children are applying the writing features below. If you see mistakes, then modelling the correct way to do it is the most powerful way to support them.

**Sits correctly at a table and holds the pencil correctly.**

**Uses phonics to spell and begin to use the spelling patterns taught through the year. (use the weekly spelling homework as a guide for this)**

**Forms upper case and lower case words correctly in the cursive style. Make sure tall letter, small letters and letters that dip below the line are all sized accurately.**

**Spells most the words from the year 1 spelling list (enclosed) correctly.**

**Leaves clear spaces between words.**

**Uses capital letters to start sentences, for names, places, days of the week and “I”.**

**Uses a capital letter and full stop to mark every sentence.**

**Write extended pieces that make sense.**

**Mark all sentences with capital letters, full stops and use questions marks when needed.  
Leave spaces between words that are relative to the letter size.**

**Use present and past tense accurately.**

**Join sentences using the conjunctions or, and, but, when, if, that, because.**

**Form capital letters and lower case letters of the correct size (in relation to each other) and orientation.**

**Spell Year 1 words and most of the Year 2 words correctly.**