

Reception Writing Non-Negotiables

- Form lower case and capital letters correctly
- Write simple sentences
- Use capital letters for names and to begin sentences
- Use finger spaces between words



Year 1 Writing Non-Negotiables

- Begin to join letters once they are formed correctly
- Use capital letters to begin sentences and for proper nouns
- Use full stops at the end of sentences
- Use conjunctions such as and, but, so to join sentences
- Use verbs accurately



Year 2 Writing Non-Negotiables

- Use joined up handwriting
- Use capital letters and full stops accurately
- Use correct tenses consistently
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Use question marks and exclamation marks
- Use commas for lists
- Use apostrophes for omission and possession



Year 3 Writing Non-Negotiables

- Use joined up handwriting
- Use a variety of sentences using commas to separate clauses
- Use conjunctions
- Use verb tenses accurately
- Use adverbs and prepositions
- Use inverted commas in direct speech



Year 4 Writing Non-Negotiables

- Use joined up handwriting
- Vary sentences using different openers
- Use fronted adverbials, including a comma
- Use a variety of sentences using commas to separate clauses
- Use noun and pronoun accurately to prevent repetition
- Use inverted commas and other speech punctuation accurately
- Group ideas into paragraphs with linking adverbs



Year 5 Writing Non-Negotiables

- Use joined up handwriting
- Use a range of sentences using commas to separate clauses
- Adapt sentences to text type
- Include modal verbs
- Use relative clauses
- Use brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis
- Use commas for clauses
- Link ideas within paragraphs using adverbs
- Make precise word choices, taking into account impact on the audience



Year 6 Writing Non-Negotiables

- Use joined up handwriting
- Use a range of sentences using commas to separate clauses
- Use passive voice where appropriate
- Choose words and phrases precisely including expanded noun phrases for detail
- Use semi-colons or dashes to demarcate independent clauses
- Use a colon to introduce a list
- Use hyphens
- Use a wide range of cohesive devices within and across paragraphs

