

Provision for Left Handed Pupils

Potential problems when writing left-handed

- Some letter formation movements are made in a direction that is not natural.
- A left-hander often cannot see what they are writing.
- Writing is more likely to get smudged.
- A left-hander has to make many more pushing movements when writing that are more difficult to control than pulling movements.



An ergonomic pencil designed for left-handers



Practical support ideas

- A higher seat
- A sloped writing surface
- Good lighting – make sure the writing hand does not cast a shadow on the writing
- Sit on the left-hand side of right-handed writers so elbows do not bump
- Paper tilted clockwise in the left-handed writer position
- Pencils and pens to suit – ergonomic good grip, soft lead, fast drying ink
- Left-handed scissors
- Investigate arm, hand and pen hold positions to find those that suit
- Explore changes to letter formation and joining movements