Breaffy National School Tips for writing. School Self-Evaluation18/19

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School Self-Evaluation 2018/19 – Literacy . Our focus on writing this year is posted on our website.

This year as part of our school Self Evaluation we are looking at writing. These tips may be useful for your child. As part of this process we may give you and/or your child a questionnaire to gather evidence, implement and report back to you in our school improvement plan that will issue in June 2018. We thank you for your continued co-operation.

Get your child to practice TTRS (Touch Type Read and Spell) and this will improve their spelling and give more confidence for writing.

Infants to 1st Class	2nd to 4th Class	5th to 6th Class
1. Model writing yourself – shopping lists/ letters/ cards etc. 2. Provide a special place for your child to write / scribble. Provide a variety of materials- crayons, markers, pencils (Box) 3. Display your child's name as often as possible. i.e. Sean's Room 4. Teach your child the letters in his own name 5. Provide alphabet books friezes. 6. Write messages/ reminders to your child. 7. Encourage child to write his / her own messages. Computer. 8. Praise your child's efforts. 9. Ask child to read their own messages. 10. Respond to the messages and not to grammar and spelling.	1. Praise your child's efforts – respond to the message and not spelling and grammar. 2. Look for opportunities for purposeful writing activities at home – writing greeting cards, notes, telephone messages. 3. Encourage your child to use a word processor / computer. 4. Provide a quiet writing / study area for your child, well equipped with pencils/ paper etc 5. Encourage your child to keep a diary. 6. Support yours child's spelling attempts. 7. Encourage him /her to have a go at spelling difficult works. 8. Use scrapbooks to support the child's hobby / special interests. 9. Make sure your	1. Encourage your child to keep a diary. Respect privacy. 2. Encourage your child to write for real purposes everyday – shopping lists, phone messages etc. 3. Praise the effort and respond to the message and not the handwriting, grammar etc. 4. Make sure that your child has access to a dictionary, thesaurus to help with writing. 5. Allow your child work on a word processor. 6. Try crossword puzzles and 'Find the word puzzles'. 7. Provide a range of attractive writing materials – coloured pens, fancy paper. 8. Encourage your child to write greeting cards / thank you notes

	child has a dictionary to help with writing. 10. Help child fill in personal details on forms etc.	etc. 9. Encourage your child to take park in writing competitions / community projects. 10. Show your child that you value writing by writing yourself.