Assessment Guide

Learning Experience 9

Handwriting Practice • Foundation Year (Prep)

Name: _____ **Year:** _____ **Date:** _____

Use a highlighter to mark where each child sits on the rubric.

Assessment criteria	Developing	At sound standard	Above standard	Alignment ACARA v9
Physical mechanics	Uses primitive grasp (e.g. fisted). Posture slouched.	Uses a transitional or early 3 jaw grip with guidance. Standard sitting posture, stabilised paper.	Automatically establishes a relaxed tripod grip. Posture – feet flat, straight back, excellent paper control.	AC9EFLY08
Directionality and flow	Traces blindly out of sequence. Draws letters from bottom up or disconnected strokes.	Follows basic paths. Begins most letters at the correct starting dot, moving left to right with occasional errors.	Automatically recalls correct movement pathways. Smooth fluid tracing, following correct stroke sequences.	AC9EFLY08
Line tracking accuracy	Misses dotted lines frequently. Disregards paths.	Traces reasonably close to the dotted line layout. Minor wavering.	Traces directly over the dots with high precision, maintaining control over pencil placement.	AC9EFLY08
Independent concept	Relies on physical guidance (hand over hand). Cannot copy letters without an exact trace.	Successfully switches from tracing to copying when given the model.	Demonstrates independent retrieval. Correctly writes known letters from memory or phonics dictation without tracing.	AC9EFLY08

Teacher general comments and where to next?