

# 10 year old with handwriting difficulties



## Issue, Concern or Learning Difficulty

Concerns around handwriting as school demands continue to increase. Work often not finished in time and illegible.



## Demographics – Age, Gender, Family Structure

10 year old boy, only child in single parent family.



## What the Therapist Found

Easily distractible – known as the class clown. Recent change in schools due to being teased. Negative association with all previous teachers.



Poor motivation to complete handwriting tasks. Slow speed of writing resulting in frequent illegibility of writing and falling behind in class.

## Types of Treatment

Observation of child in classroom - ergonomic set-up of chair and desk, pencil grasp, typing program, education to parents and teacher regarding cause of handwriting difficulties – poor motivation to learn in previous years due to negative association with all previous teachers.



## Outcome and Timeframe

Handwriting legibility has increased with more time allocated to task to accommodate for slower speed.

Due to continuing demands at school the therapist in collaboration with his father and teacher incorporated the use of a laptop for the more demanding handwriting while still completing formal handwriting for those which are less important.

## Please Note

All treatment plans are tailored to the person's individual needs.



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# Real Case Study

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## Relevant Treatments:

- Environmental modifications
- Education & training of parents and teachers
- Skills training