

APPENDIX 2

Ready to Write? Checklist

- Can the child use a palmer grasp (as in holding a carrier bag)?
- Can the child use a pincer grasp (as in picking up a coin)?
- Can the child move their index finger (pointing finger) on its own?
- Can the child identify objects by touch?
- Can the child understand language related to position and movement? Up/down. Stop/go, top/bottom, forwards/backwards N.B. age appropriate.
- Can the child follow something with their eyes going tracking from left to right?
- Can they demonstrate shoulder and pelvic stability?
- Does the child have good upper body support and with an upright posture
- Can the child cross their mid-line? (Move pencil from left to right)
- Can the child use both hands together to undertake a task?
- Can the child draw horizontal/vertical lines?
- Can the child combine horizontal and vertical lines? L T X H = +
- Can the child draw circles?

**If the child can copy I _ O L T +
They are ready to begin learning to write letters.**