

# Candidate 5 evidence

## Part 2 – Task 2 Study

It is not necessary to teach children handwriting as it is no longer useful in the modern world.

Write an **essay** giving your opinion on the above statement.

You should include some or all of the following:

- advancement of technology
- reliance on technology
- exams and assessment
- note taking
- hand-eye co-ordination.

You may also add your own ideas.

You should write approximately 250–300 words.

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In this essay I will discuss my opinion on whether or not it is necessary to teach children handwriting. I believe handwriting is a fundamental skill and that children do still need to be taught it in the modern world.

Most people who disagree believe that the advancements on technology in the future will create a lack of need to know how to physically write. I disagree, I believe the future advancements on technology will be used to enhance the skills we have ~~we~~ (handwriting being one of them) not replace them. One example of this is the increase in popularity in stylus pens for tablets and phones. This allows you to write directly on to a digital device and save notes without taking up as much physical space as would be needed with paper notes.

Another reason why I believe teaching kids how to write is a fundamental skill is because, in the case where the device that is potentially used in place of physically handwriting fails or malfunctions. What will that person do? Not teaching children

handwriting places a heavy <sup>reliance</sup> ~~emphasis~~ on technology.

Malfunctions with even the most high-end tech still happen and I believe having a backup plan in place is absolutely needed.

Another aspect of life that will be impacted is ~~handwriting~~ note taking. A lot of students, including myself find it easiest to learn and memorise when physically writing out which typing or other technologies can't replace. If ~~the~~ the teaching of handwriting is eradicated, you're taking away ~~the~~ a possible learning method for a lot of young people. Again like I said earlier, I believe note taking will adapt to be done more efficiently and to save more space and energy, but I can't see handwriting ever becoming un-needed completely.

Another benefit of learning handwriting is hand-eye co-ordination skills. Handwriting is a unique skill as it requires mimicing what you see when you first learn it. Learning how to bend or twist your fingers to create the curves of a 's' or how to make sharp turns to create a 'z' all implement the use of hand-eye-coordination skills. Hand-eye co-ordination skills that you won't just use for

handwriting but many other daily life tasks.  
Handwriting in a way is one of the foundations  
to having co-ordinated motor skills and I don't  
see what other ~~skills~~<sup>skill</sup> children learn so early on  
that can ~~be~~ replace this.

In conclusion, I am a firm believer that hand-  
writing needs to ~~be~~ continue to be taught to  
young children as the benefits far outweigh the  
benefits of not teaching it.