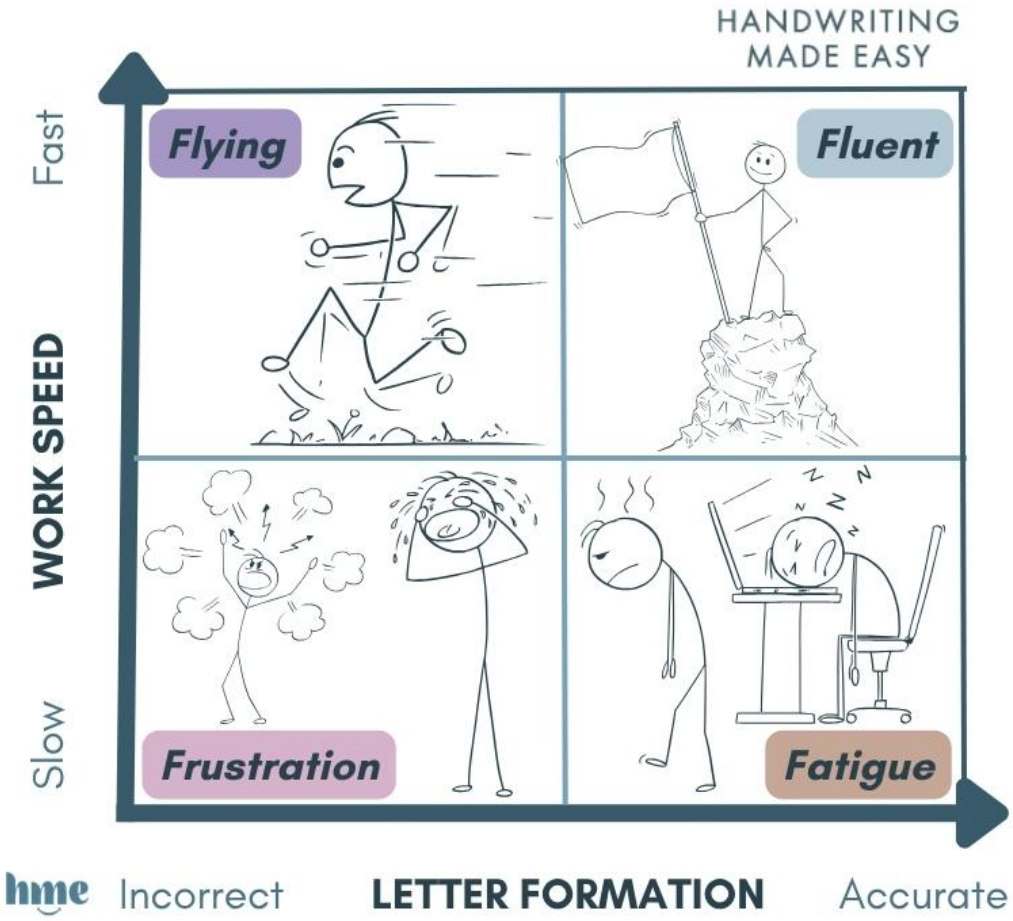
Understanding Your Child's Handwriting Pattern

Look beyond neat or messy handwriting.

THE FINISHED PAGE IS ONLY PART OF THE PICTURE

A useful starting point is to notice writing pace, letter consistency and the effort it takes to keep writing. These four patterns describe what you may see, not why it happens.



TWO THINGS TO NOTICE

PACE How does the writing move along?

CONSISTENCY Do letter shapes stay reasonably recognisable?

A MOMENT TO REFLECT

Think of one everyday writing task. What do you notice about pace, consistency or effort?

Remember: A child may show more than one pattern, and it can change with the task. This guide is not an assessment or diagnosis. Ongoing pain, marked difficulty or persistent concerns are worth discussing with a teacher or qualified health professional.