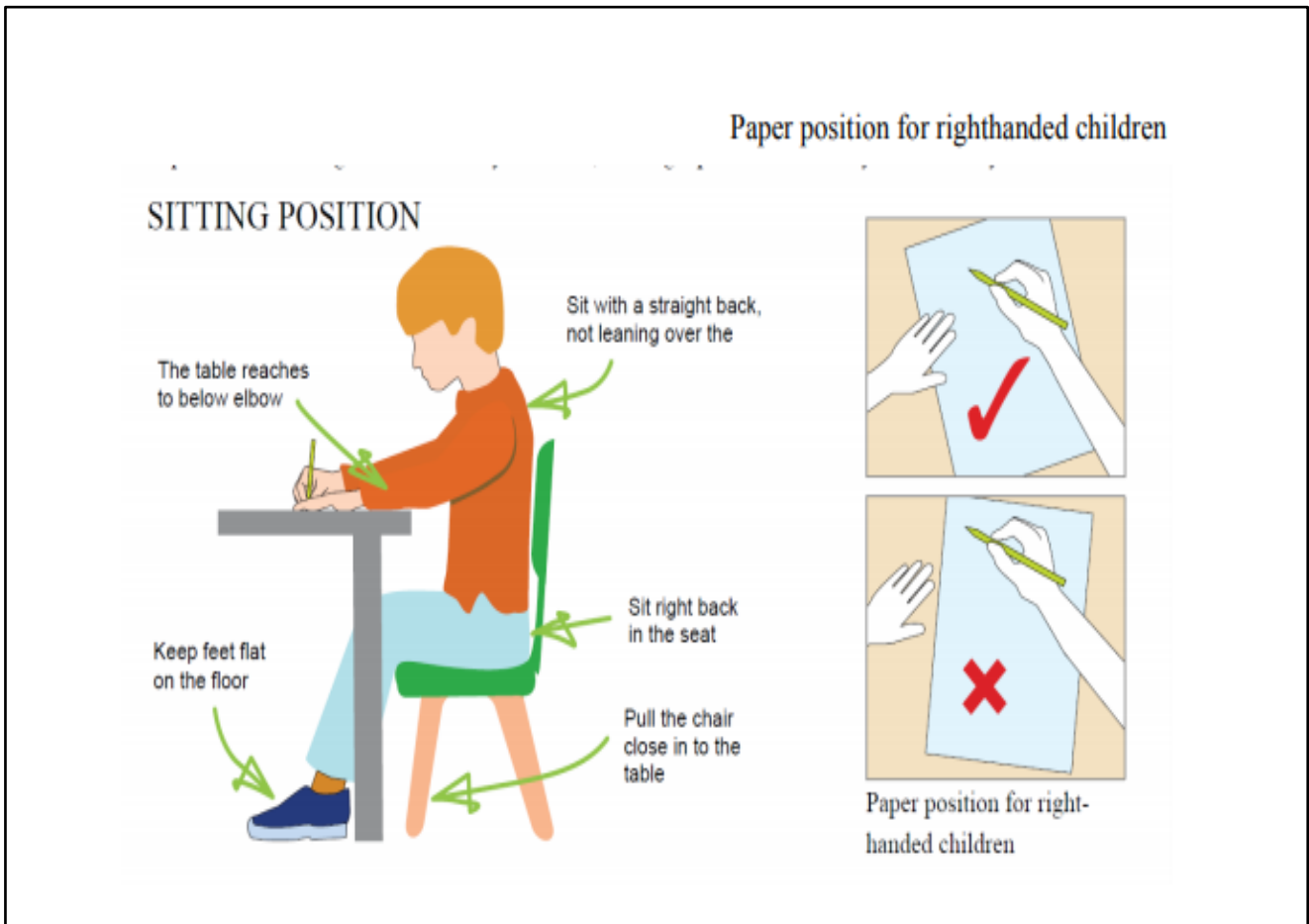


Posture and Pencil grip

To promote good handwriting style, posture is important - feet on the ground, pencil in one hand and resting hand on the book!

It is important that children sit comfortably and correctly when they are writing.



A tripod Grip is important, so that children can produce neat, writing but also for their fingers, hand and arm feel comfortable throughout the writing process.

The Tripod Pencil Grip - 1 2 3

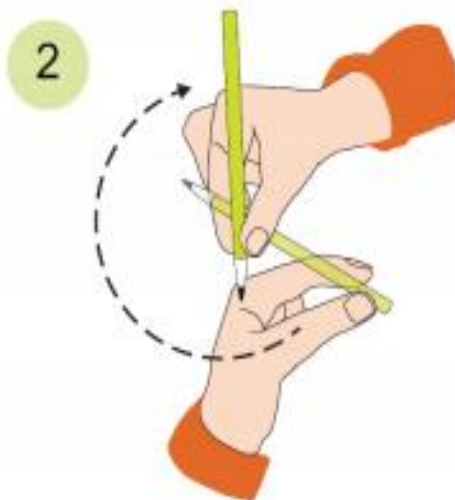
This is a fun and easy way to teach children how to hold a pencil correctly.

THE TRIPOD PENCIL GRIP - 1 2 3

1) Grip the pencil with your index finger and thumb with the nib pointing away.

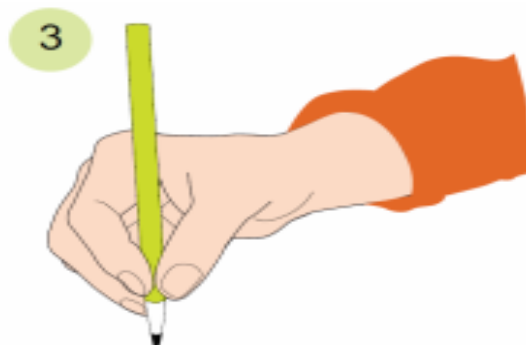


2) With your free hand, spin the pencil from underneath.



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3) Use your middle finger to support the underside of the pencil.

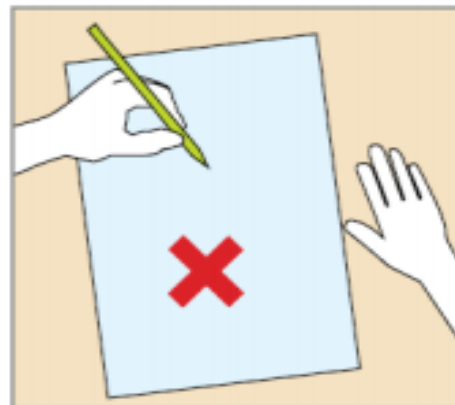
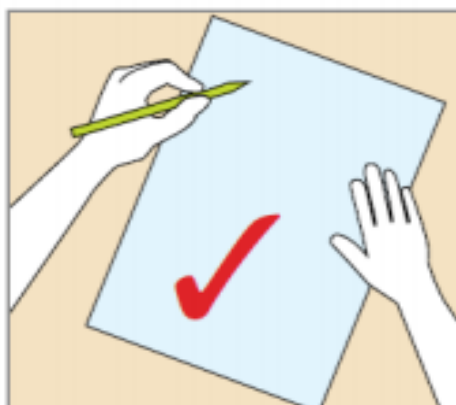


Left-handed Pupils

Left-handed children may find it difficult to follow right-handed teachers as they demonstrate letter formation (and vice versa). Teachers should demonstrate to left-handers on an individual or group basis. There is at least one left handed teacher in each Key Stage and one SENCO, so ask them for advice about handwriting to left handers.



- Left-handed pupils should sit to the left of a right-handed child so that they are not competing for space.
- Pupils should position the paper/book to their left side and slanted, as shown.
- Pencils should not be held too close to the point as this can interrupt pupils' line of vision.
- Extra practice with left-to-right exercises may be necessary before pupils write left-to-right automatically.



Paper position for left-handed children