Little Chestnuts - Writing Toolkit

Skill	Date Assessed
Birth – 3 years statements	
I can notice some print, such as the first	
letter of my name, a bus or door number, or	
a familiar logo.	
I enjoy drawing freely.	
I can add marks to my drawings, and give	
meaning to it. For example: "That says	
mummy."	
I can make marks on my picture to stand for	
their name.	
I can explore different materials and tools.	
Develop manipulation and control	
3-4 years statements	
I know print has meaning	
Use some print and letter knowledge in their	
early writing e.g. m for mummy	
My writing goes from left to right	
Write some letters accurately	
Use a comfortable grip with good control	
when holding pencil (Tripod grip in almost all	
cases)	
Show a preference for a dominant hand	
Confident writer statements (Reception Statem	nents)
Form lower case letters correctly.	
Form capital letters correctly	
Spell words by identifying the sounds and	
then writing the sounds with letters	
Re read what I have written to check it	
makes sense	
Write short sentences with a capital letter	
and full stop	
Develop small motor skills to use a pencil	
competently, safely and confidently	
Develop foundations of a handwriting style	
that is fast accurate and efficient. This can	
be joined if appropriate.	

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