

Handwriting in a Typical Classroom: **The Hows and Whys Behind Teaching Handwriting**

Overview:

This workshop presents an overview of some of the questions teachers have about handwriting. Research has suggested that fluent handwriting helps support reading and writing in students from an early age (Puranik, C.S. & Al-Otaiba, 2012).

Beginning with acknowledging the importance of handwriting, we will explore the development of handwriting and the associated fine motor skills.

We will also be looking at strategies and tools that can be used in a typical classroom to aid the development of handwriting skills and support students with difficulties.

Objectives:

Participants will:

- Explore and understand the importance of handwriting
 - Why is handwriting so critical even in this digitized world?
 - What aspects of learning are affected by handwriting?
- Understand the components of handwriting
- Gain an insight into:
 - Development of handwriting skills in children from pre-writing till fluency
 - Underlying Fine motor skills required for handwriting.
- Explore the concerns that are seen in a typical classroom
 - Understand the sensorimotor basis for these concerns
- Discuss developmentally appropriate strategies to improve handwriting
 - At a whole class level
 - Child-specific concerns

Facilitators:

1. Mala Ahooja (BOT, SI Certified- USC, California, HWT Certified)
2. Urvi Shah (BPTH, SI trained therapist)
3. Amy Jain (MSc OT)

Click [here](#) for a detailed profile of each facilitator.

Relevant for: All pre-primary and primary level educators, special education teachers, and therapists/clinicians working with children in primary years.

When: 24th September 2016, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Where: The Gateway School of Mumbai

Address: Sion-Trombay Road, Next to Deonar Bus Depot, Diagonally opposite TISS, Govandi (E), Mumbai - 400088.

Cost: Rs. 2,500 per participant (Snack, Lunch and Materials included).
Rs. 2,000 per participant (for a group of 5 or more)

Registration:

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Registrations will be accepted on first come first serve basis. Only 50 seats available.