



Advice for schools: Requests for standardised assessments of handwriting (over age 9 years)

We anticipate that schools can carry out the appropriate assessment to support their request for laptops / computing and additional time for completion of tests and school work.

Please note that where:

- a child is already receiving additional time for tests and to complete work
- a laptop is already in use
- the referral request is to support a request for additional time for completion of work

These referrals (for a child aged over 9 years) may not be accepted by Children's Occupational Therapy.

What to do next: The assessment

Schools can purchase the **Detailed Assessment of Speed of Handwriting** from Pearson ([pearsonclinical.co.uk](https://www.pearsonclinical.co.uk)). The cost for a full kit is £154.31 (as of 30 June 2022) and the kit includes a manual with instructions on administration. The age range is 9 to 16 years and 11 months.

There is a separate kit to purchase for young people age 17 to 25 years. User qualifications include (but not limited to):

- Special Educational Needs Coordinators
- Learning Support Teachers
- Classroom Teachers

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