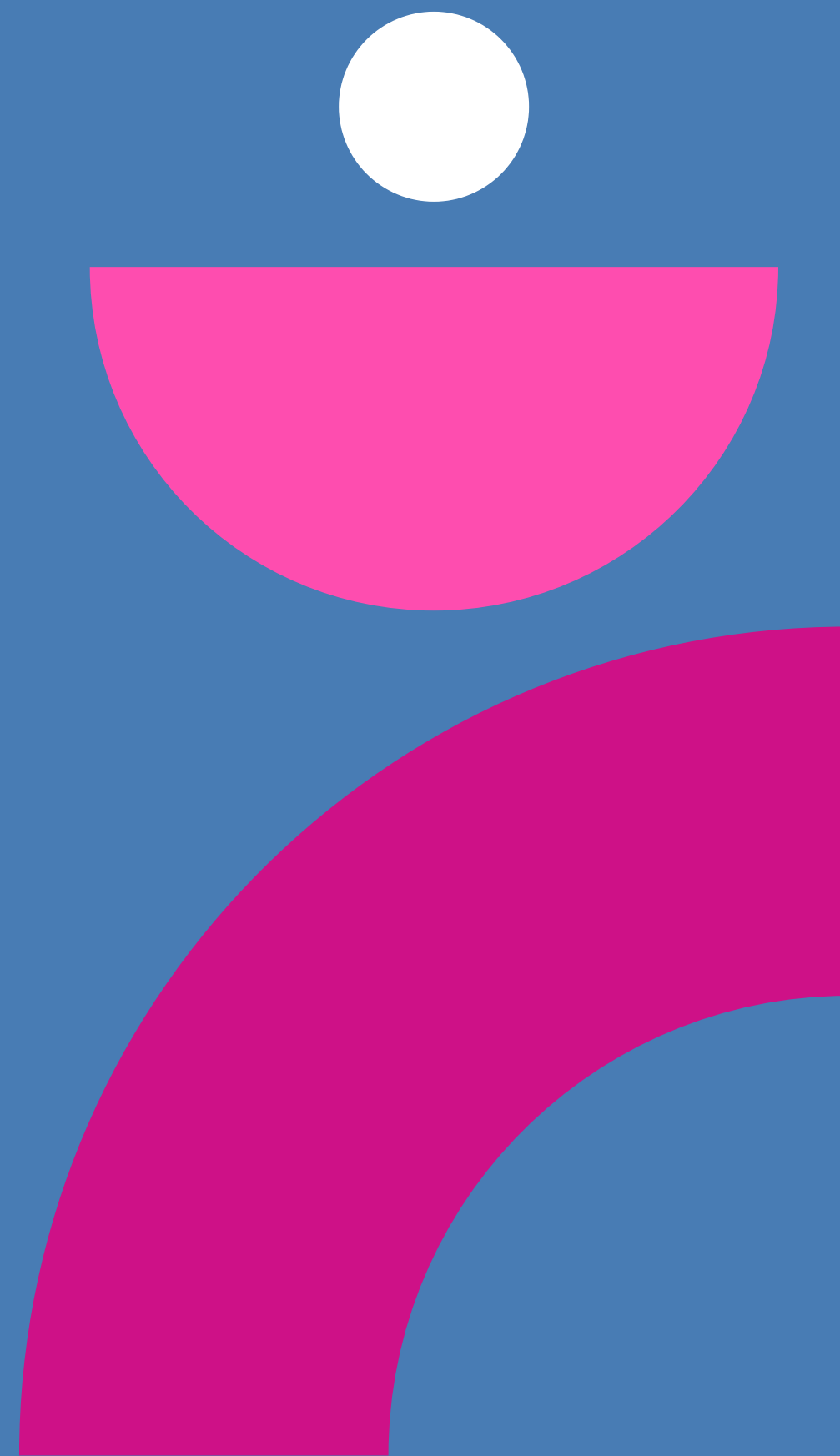




# Handwriting Assessment and Support Service

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# Handwriting Assessment and Support Service Outline

Total Children's Therapy offers a comprehensive handwriting assessment and support service.

Our team are experienced working with children of all ages who are experiencing difficulties with a range of difficulties such as learning to write, illegibility or getting work finished in an age appropriate time.

The assessments are designed to assess the underlying skills needed for handwriting.

Handwriting is a complex skill that requires a number of key elements to be in place for writing to become an easy motor skill. It is not just about securing 'fine motor skills'.

Long before skills like 'pincer grips,' 'cursive script' and 'sitting smartly' at a table are possible, the underlying foundation skills need to be learnt, practised, repeated and consolidated. When a child has good foundation motor skills they will hold a pencil, write and be able to form letters with ease.

As a young child these skills can all be learnt and perfected when given the opportunity for a wide variety of free play and games. As a child matures this can be learnt in ways that do not require hours of handwriting practice.

**So, a child can practice 'skills for writing' without writing.**



## Handwriting Assessment and Support Service Outline Continued

Fundamentally, large movements (gross motor skills) need to be learnt and refined before small movements of the hands (fine motor skills) can be perfected.

We will always say that you are never too old to change your handwriting or learn a new skill.

Our team of occupational therapists and physiotherapists are committed to supporting children and young people to improve their handwriting skills. The youngsters will also find that in the process, they will also find other benefits such as positive improvement their general motor skills and physicality.

For older children particularly, we would urge a note of caution. We often get parents or schools who want to improve the child's handwriting. It takes some work and dedication to make these changes (which can be seen in as little as 6 weeks of consistent work), so unless the youngsters also want to improve their handwriting they are unlikely to be motivated enough to work at this.



# Handwriting Assessment and Support

## Who is this service designed for?

It is suitable for children from the age of 5-18 years of age.

## How will this service be offered?

Each package will be tailored to the needs of the child/young person seen.

They will include slightly different content, depending on the profile of the young person.

For example, some examples of what may be included are

- Assessment of fine and gross motor skills
- Assessment of visual motor skills
- Assessment of visual perception
- Assessment of eye tracking
- Handwriting evaluation
- Consideration for exam taking modifications
- Opportunity to try equipment designed to help handwriting.



## Fees and Levels of Service offered

Package Name	Description of what this package includes	Fee
Mini Package	Assessment and advice only	£250
Midi Package	Assessment, advice and 2 x reviews	£500
Maxi Package	Assessment, advice, 6 x one-hour weekly intervention sessions plus 2 x reviews	£950

Please note that with all three levels of this service if any additional sessions are required, they can be requested by parents and will be charged at an hourly rate of £90.

For home and setting visits mileage will be charged at 45p per mile to and from the TCT clinic postcode BH2 5QR.



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