

Supporting Your Left-Handed Child

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Did you that foetuses begin to move their arms when they about 9-10 weeks old. Then by 6 months, some even show a hand preference for sucking their thumb. However, it is not until a child is aged between 2-3 years old that we can get a real sense of their dominant hand.

Whether your child is right-handed or left-handed it does not matter. Although in the past we saw a cultural bias against left-handers, times have changed. Both former US presidents Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama are left-handed and so are Prince Charles and Prince William too. There are also lots of special stationery and equipment designed specifically for left-handers.

Tips To Help Your Left-handed Child

- 1. When writing, encourage your child to position their paper or notebook slightly to the left of their body at about a 45-degree tilt.
- Encourage your child to use pens and pencils that are less likely to smudge. For instance, hard lead pencils, rollerball pens and wet-erase markers.
- Spiral-bound notebooks can be a bit fiddly for left-handers. Your child could try using notebooks with stapled pages or loose sheets of paper that are stored in a ring binder or folder.
- 4. If you need some specialist equipment, try these suppliers.

https://www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk/kids_help.html https://www.leftshoponline.co.uk/