

## Letter Writing Standards

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Standard Achieved</b>	<b>Standard Not Met</b>
All letters must include the address (at the top left-hand side of the page) of the person you are writing to, and the correct date below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address and date used in all letters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Address or date included in letters.</li> </ul>
Letters must start with a standard salutation of Dear ____, with the correct title used.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The letter is started with both the correct salutation and title.</li> <li>The letter reflects the style/tone used by the customer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failure to use standard greeting or use the correct title.</li> </ul>
Ensure all grammar, spelling and punctuation is checked before the letter is sent. (Using UK spell check).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spell check is used to ensure spelling and grammar are correct.</li> <li>A dictionary should be used if there is uncertainty with the meaning of any words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter is sent out without being checked.</li> <li>Letter contains spelling mistakes and incorrect grammar.</li> </ul>
Abbreviations must only be used when there is a common understanding. When used for the first time, the full title should be used, followed by the abbreviation in brackets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abbreviations explained before use.</li> <li>Full terms used rather than shortened ones.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abbreviations used when reader is unclear of meaning-leading to misunderstanding and misinterpretation. (generating unnecessary communication)</li> </ul>
Respond fully to any requests for information, ensuring it is relevant to questions asked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answer all questions that are asked-if unsure ask someone to help.</li> <li>If appropriate include details on the parts of the website that will show the relevant information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid/ignore questions that are tricky, or that you are unsure of the answer.</li> <li>Giving short, superficial answers, when a longer more in-depth answer would be more appropriate, or vice versa.</li> </ul>

Use the correct sign off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the appropriate close to end the letter. i.e Yours Sincerely, Faithfully, Kind Regards etc..</li> <li>• Include your full name/title.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to close the letter in the correct manner.</li> <li>• No inclusion of full name.</li> </ul>
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