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Welcome to Newsreel, I'm Layla May, your presenter from London. Today's headlines:

- Will Cape Town be the first city to run out of water?
- Joined-up handwriting
- And, are children prepared for social media?

- **First up, will Cape Town be the first city to run out of water?**

Ray de Vries: The Cape Town City situation. It'll be the first city ever that has no water, in the Western world.

This is Ray de Vries. A water supply company owner. He is talking about Cape Town's serious water problems for the media channel thesouthafrican.com.

Cape Town, in South Africa, could become the first major city in the world to run out of water. Three years of very low rainfall, along with a growing population have contributed to the current crisis.

Residents are being urged to conserve water. Car washing and filling up swimming pools have been banned.

The local government is trying to address the situation by installing desalination plants, to make sea water drinkable. Desalination plants are factories that remove the salt from the water. They're also considering water recycling programmes and water collection projects.

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- **Up next, joined-up handwriting**

Joined-up handwriting or cursive writing is the act of writing by hand, connecting the letters in a flowing motion.

For centuries, children in the UK have spent hours learning joined-up handwriting lessons at school. But, do they really need to? It's no longer a requirement in American schools, and some countries have dropped the skill from the curriculum. Why then, does the UK still insist on it? Are school pupils happy with this? I visited a school to find out more.

Charlie: My name is Charlie and I'm 14 years old.

Layla: Charlie, do you use joined-up writing or do you use print writing when you're handwriting?

Charlie: When I'm writing, I use print writing. It's a lot faster and it looks neater on the page than joined-up writing.

Layla: Why do you think you're even taught joined-up handwriting at school?

Charlie: I think we're taught joined-up handwriting just because it's kind of part of being British. I think it's just really traditional. I don't think it should be included as each child should have their own unique style of writing, it shouldn't be forced upon them.

Adam Martin, a teacher at North East Surrey State School, has another point of view.

Adam: I think joined-up writing really helps children to learn because it builds the foundation for their learning. Cursive writing looks nicer, it just looks more natural.

Research shows that hand writing can improve your reading and writing skills. Adam agrees.

Adam: I think pupils these days can be a little bit lazy with their text speak and things like that they do on social media. Trying to get them to write proper English sentences is very important.

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- **And finally, are children prepared for social media?**

Child: "Roughly in a day, I say I spend four to five hours on social media"

England's Children's Commissioner, Anne Longfield, has warned that many children are unprepared for social media as they begin secondary school.

Anne Longfield: There's a real change in the way that children use social media from you know it being fun and family oriented in to a much more serious role as they start secondary school, where it has a real impact on their self-identity and they find themselves chasing validation.

The commissioner is requesting for online lessons to teach children about dealing with the emotional side of social media.

That's all for today, we'll be back again on the 10th of February.

I'm Layla May, thanks for listening.

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