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Dear Parent/Carer,

Phonic Screening Check

Please find below information regarding the phonics screening check that all Year 1 pupils will undertake during the week commencing 9th June.

What is the phonics screening check?

During the check your child will be asked to read out loud a selection of real and nonsense words using their phonics knowledge.

Who takes the phonics screening check?

Children in Year 1 or pupils who have reached the age of 6 by the end of the school year must take the check during that academic year. For most children, this will be when they are in year 1. Some children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1.

What happens during the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check will be conducted on a one to one basis by their class teacher in a familiar environment.

How can I help my child at home?

Please scan the QR code to access some examples of real and nonsense words to practise with your child. Reading daily will also help support your child with developing the skills they need to become confident readers.



Is there a pass mark?

The emphasis of this test is not on whether a child passes or fails; it is a measure to ensure your child is progressing however threshold scores are released by the Department of Education which in the past have been 32/40.



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What happens with the result?

After the check has been completed you will be informed of your child's achievement.

More information regarding the phonics screener can be found here: [Information for parents: Phonics screening check 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/781111/Information_for_parents_Phonics_screening_check_2024.pdf)

If you have any questions please see your class teacher who will be very happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hempston
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