

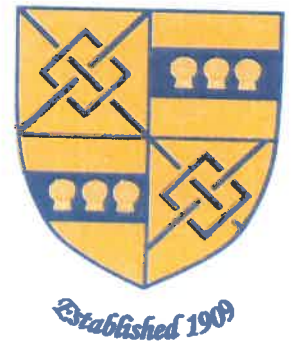
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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, every Year 1 child in the country will be taking the Phonics Screening Check in June 2022.

This will take place for Year 1 throughout the week beginning 13th June 2022. Please ensure that your child is present in school during the week of the test, as if they miss it they will have to complete the test in Year 2.

The aim of the check is to ensure that all children are able to read by the end of Year 2 and will provide us with a clear understanding of what the children need to learn next year. The check is very similar to tasks the children already complete during phonics lessons, so it should not cause them any additional stress or anxiety.

During the check, children will be asked to 'sound out' a word and blend the sounds together. The focus of the check is to see which sounds the children know. The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

Children who do not achieve the expected level in their Year 1 Phonics check will repeat the test again in Year 2. After the check has taken place, you will receive a letter with your child's score and whether or not they have reached the expected standard. This is nothing for you or your child to worry about, as all children progress at different rates, and we will ensure that your child gets all the support that they need in order to learn to read.

The best thing that you can do to help to prepare your child for their Phonics check is to read your child's RWI reading book with them at home and practise sounding out and blending the different words. If you wanted to provide any additional support, you could play some phonics games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk, which are designed to help children to segment and blend both real and nonsense words using their phonics decoding skills.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

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