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## Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to remind you about the upcoming Phonics Screening Check that will be administered to all Year 1 students. This important assessment will take place during the week commencing Monday, 9th June 2025.

The Phonics Screening Check is a national assessment designed to confirm whether children have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It consists of a short, simple assessment in which your child will be asked to read 40 words aloud. The check is carefully structured to ensure that it is both accessible and manageable for young learners.

Here are a few key points to be aware of:

### 1. Purpose of the Check:

The Phonics Screening Check helps us ensure that all students are making satisfactory progress in their phonics knowledge. It identifies children who may need additional support in this fundamental aspect of reading.

### 2. Format of the Check:

The assessment is conducted one-on-one with your child and a familiar adult in a quiet setting. This approach helps create a comfortable environment for the children.



### 3. Preparation:

Teachers have been working diligently to prepare the students through various phonics activities and lessons. At home, you can support your child by engaging in fun reading activities and encouraging them to practice their phonics skills.

### 4. Results:

You will receive feedback on your child's performance in the Phonics Screening Check as part of their end-of-year report. If the check indicates that your child needs further work in phonics, then the screening check will simply be repeated in Year Two.

### 5. Reassurance:

We understand that the thought of these assessments can sometimes cause anxiety for parents but please be assured that this check is intended to be a positive experience, and we aim to make it as stress-free as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Phonics Screening Check, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Best regards,

Mrs A Woodhead

