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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 2 children,

I am writing to inform you about the Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check. This would usually have taken place in the Summer term of Year 1, however due to lockdown, it will now take place this November.

The screening is administered with each child individually for about 15 minutes each. The children are asked to read 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words (non-words).

We approach this task sensitively and work positively with the children. Some children may not be able to read all 40 words and will access the screening at their own level.

Children who do not meet the required standard in the November phonics screening will be able to take it again in the Summer term. The results of the screening(s) will then be reported to parents by the end of the school year so you will know then whether your child met the required standard.

The screening will take place during the weeks beginning 9^h November and 18th November 2020. It is very important that your child attends school those weeks unless absolutely unavoidable.

Under normal circumstances, we would hold a meeting to inform parents/carers of what to expect with regards to the screening. However, this year, that will not be possible. We have therefore uploaded a variety of resources onto the school website, under Parents for your information. We have also put up some examples of previous phonics screenings to show you how the screening takes place. Please look through these and help your child practise the real and alien/pseudo words.

Please inform the office if you are unable to access the resources on the website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rix

Year 2 teacher – Phonics Lead Teacher

