



Archdiocese of Birmingham
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Dear Parents

Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

As you are aware the phonics screening check in June 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Department for Education has decided that schools must administer the phonics screening check to Year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2020 Autumn Term.

How does the check work?

Your child will sit with their class teacher or a familiar adult, and be asked to read 40 words aloud. Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new. The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit. If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check. The check is designed not to be stressful for your child and if we feel it is not appropriate for your child to take in the autumn term then we will approach you personally.

Results

You will be informed of the results of the screening check. If your child meets the expected standard in phonics in the autumn check then they will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics.

Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021, alongside the current Year 1 pupils.

Preparation and Support

We have already been working with the children to refresh their learning from Year 1. Your child has daily phonics lessons in class and we have Mrs Keenan working with us providing extra support for children that are less confident at the moment. We are doing all that we can to help each individual child to catch-up on any missed learning.

If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening Check please do not hesitate to call the school office and arrange to talk with Miss Bluck or myself.

Thank you for your continued support

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