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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

We would like to invite you to a Year 1 phonics parent session on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3:15 pm**. As you know, phonics is taught daily from Nursery to Year Two and is a vital part of your child's journey in becoming fluent readers and writers. This parent session will particularly focus on the **phonics screening check** which will take place in the week beginning **6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

### What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The national phonics screening check was introduced in 2012 to all Year 1 pupils. It is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

### How does the check work?

Your child will sit with a teacher he or she knows and will 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 is expected to take just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit.

We do hope that you can join and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

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KS1 Phase Lead and Phonics Lead