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Dear families,

### **Re: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

I want to inform you that all **Year 1** pupils in England take the phonics screening check in the week of **12 to 16 June 2023**.

#### **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 Mrs Aliaj 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.

#### **Do we need to prepare at home?**

Your child is being taught phonics at school and any additional help at home would be helpful. You can always help your child by:

- Reading to and with them
- Playing sound and reading games
- Teaching them new words, and showing them how they're written

#### **Do we get to know the results?**

Yes. A letter will be sent home with the results. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they will get to have another go next year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office or speak to Mrs Aliaj.

Yours faithfully,

Gentjana Aliaj

KS1 Phase Lead and Phonics Lead