

Yr1 Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents

This is the most up to date information regarding the Yr1 Phonics Screening Check for this year. Please read and if you have any questions once you have read this information please feel free to speak to Mrs Muir.

FAQs

How will the children know which words are 'alien' (nonsense) words?

The made-up 'alien' words are always presented with a picture of an alien, so the children know that they are not real words that they might recognise. They are very familiar with this concept.

How will the phonics screening be administered?

Each child is taken through the screening check by a teacher (Mrs Muir) on a 1:1 basis. This will be in a quiet area and there is not a time limit.

Will we be told about our child's results?

The results of the check will be issued in the end of year reports.

What is the pass mark?

The standard threshold pass mark for this year's phonics screening check will be published on Monday 27 June (after the children have sat the check). Last year the pass mark was 32 out of 40.

What happens if my child doesn't pass the phonics screening check?

Any child that does not reach the standard threshold will sit the 2020 screening check when they are in year 2, with the following year's cohort of year 1s.

When will the phonics screening take place?

The government requires that the check must be taken during the week commencing 10th June. A pupil may only take the check the following week if they were absent during check week.

If a pupil doesn't take the check during this period and returns to school after Friday 21st June they must be recorded as absent.

How can we support our child out of school?

Support your child by regularly reading books at home and play the phonics games that go home.

An excellent website for phonic games

is: <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> All phonics phases are covered on this website.

Read as much as possible to and with your child. When children become more capable readers they develop the skill of word recognition. However, it is important that children continue to practise good sounding out and blending so they don't fall into the trap of guessing the wrong word.

Which phonics phase will the phonics screening check focus on?

The check includes graphemes from all of the phases taught to the children since they started school. (Phases 2-5)