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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Phonics Screening

We are writing to inform you that this year, the Year 1 children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check (PSC). It is statutory for primary schools to complete these in the 2024/25 academic year. Please see the accompanying parent leaflet, which we have created to provide further information, which we will be going through as part of the meeting.

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonic knowledge. The phonics screening check was introduced in 2012 to all Year 1 pupils in the country. 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.

On **Friday 24th January, in the Key Stage 2 Hall at 2:30pm**, we will be delivering a short presentation about the PSC, how we teach Phonics and how you can best support your children at home. We would like to invite you to join us for this session to discuss any queries you may have. The session will last approximately thirty minutes. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

If after the meeting you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Sears and Mrs Sloane