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Dear parents of children in Year 1,

Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 12th June, Year 1 teachers will complete the Phonics Screening Check with your child, as directed by the Department for Education.

What is the phonics screening check? All Year 1 pupils in England take the Phonics Screening Check. It is done in school by our staff. The check is made up of 40 words and usually lasts 5 to 10 minutes. Some words are real words and others are nonsense, or 'alien', words that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before. The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support

The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We'll let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

When will it be happening? Year 1 will do the Phonics Screening Check during the week of 12th - 16th June.

Do we get to know the results? We have to report the results to the Royal Borough of Greenwich by Friday 21st July. We will also let you know the results.

If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they will get to have another go next year.

Do we need to prepare at home? No – your child is being taught phonics at school and no special work at home is needed.

However, 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

Contact the school

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the Phonics Screening Check, please speak to your class teacher or email admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chaplin
Year 1 Lead