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Dear Year One Parents and Carers,

The Year One Phonics Screening Check is a statutory test which will take place in the week beginning on Monday 11ᵗʰ June 2018. Below is an overview of the check, what it involves and how best to prepare your child.

As a statutory test, it takes place nationally in mainstream primary schools and must take place during the week stated above. Each Year One child will be asked to read 40 words (20 real words and 20 pseudo words) to their class teacher on a 1:1 basis. The children will need to be able to correctly segment and blend the sounds in the words without any support or prompting.

e.g. The pseudo word, "jight" would be read as either, "jight" or "j igh t ... jight."

Words must be either read correctly immediately or properly segmented and then blended together. If the sounds are not blended together then it will be classed as unread. If a word is not read correctly then this will mean that it is incorrect.

The check has a pass mark and if this mark is not obtained then the test must be re-sat in the Summer Term of Year Two alongside the Year One children next year.

Here is a link to a video about the check;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ_ZEBhIBk

How to help support your child

- Use the practise packs provided, revise all the sounds and if possible practise them daily
- Download an English phonics app e.g. Phonics Screening Check UK by Richard Williams
- Ensure that your child sleeps well, eats breakfast and has a bottle of water
- Encourage your child to read the sound cards and suggest words that use these sounds e.g. ai as in rain, Spain
- Practise reading the pseudo words by segmenting and blending them
- Sort the word cards into real words and pseudo words
- Spot the sounds that you know in the word on the word cards
- Read the words on the practise papers to your grown up and ensure that you can identify the sounds in these words. Do not guess the words. If they are unfamiliar then take time to segment and blend the sounds.
  Yours sincerely,

  Miss Legha