



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **PHONICS SCREENING FOR YEAR 2 PUPILS**

I would like to inform you that all the children in Year 2 will take part in a statutory phonics screening assessment in early December. Usually, this assessment takes place whilst the children are in Year 1. However, due to the disruption caused by Covid, the Department for Education decided that the assessment would be postponed.

We do everything we can to not cause the children any stress and I will be personally assessing the children myself, on a one-to-one basis with each child. They are not told it is an assessment. They will just know that they are coming to do a job with me. The assessment itself is in the form of a booklet of words. Some of them are real words and some are alien/nonsense words. The children are asked to spot the special friends first, then 'Fred talk' the word before they finally read the word. Here is a link to a previous phonics screening assessment for you to look at and use with your child if you wish.

[2018 phonics screening check: pupils' materials \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/531122/2018-phonics-screening-check-pupils-materials.pdf)

In Year 2, the children currently have Read Write Inc. phonics lessons every day to help them progress with their reading, but to also prepare them for this assessment. There is a pass mark for the assessment. If the children do not achieve the pass mark, they get another opportunity to take the assessment again in June 2022.

Once the results are officially submitted and processed (this may not be until after Christmas), you will be informed of your child's achievement.

If you have any questions about the assessment, please do ask.

Thank you so much for continuing to support your children at home, particularly with their reading. It makes such a difference to their ability to access all areas of the curriculum, so we appreciate all your efforts, despite leading such very busy lives!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Leivers'.

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