What is the Year 1 phonics screening check?

The Phonics Screening is to test the children's ability to sound out words.

The Year 1 phonics screening check is a short assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.

Your child will read twenty real words and twenty nonsense words to their teacher.

The nonsense words will be clearly marked with a picture of an alien.



How will the check be scored?

The government will release the pass mark after the results have been submitted. Last year the pass mark was 32/40.

What happens if my child struggles with the screening check?

Your child will continue to receive extra support and they will be able to re-take the assessment in year two.



YEAR 1

PHONICS SCREENING TEST





A relaxed and enjoyable test

The assessment is age appropriate.

Your child will be sitting with their teacher and they will be reading one-to-one.

It should be an enjoyable activity for your child which will take no more than a few minutes.

Our aim is to ensure that the children remain as relaxed as possible.



Why are non-words included in the screening check?

They are included because they will be new to all pupils, so there won't be a bias to those with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words. Pupils who can read non-words should have the skills to decode almost any unfamiliar word.



How will the results from the phonics screening check be used?

School will inform parents of the results. Also the schools data will be available on RAISE Online, for use by schools, local authorities and Ofsted as part of their inspections process.

When will the test be?

The tests will take place in June 2017.

How long does the check take?

Every child is different, but most children take approximately 10minutes to complete the assessment.

How can I help my child?

Alpha blocks
Phonics play
Mr Thorne
You tube- magic e song
You tube- When two vowels go
walking

