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“Living and Growing Together as Children of God”

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Phonics Screening Check (June 2019) – Year 1 and 2 pupils

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1 and 2 children,

I am writing to inform you about the Key Stage One phonics screening check. All schools are required to complete this with each child in Year 1 and those children in Year 2 who didn't reach the required standard when they were in Year 1. The screening takes place in June 2019 and is administered by teachers working individually with each child for about 15 minutes each.

We approach this task sensitively and work positively with the children. The children are asked to read 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and 'pseudo-words' (made up words). The pseudo words are included because children can't read them using their memory or vocabulary so they have to use their phonic decoding skills.

The children often complete activities in school using pseudo words so this approach is not new to them. I have attached a 'Sample Answer sheet' so that you can see how the screening works. The words shown will not be used in the actual test – there will be different ones!

Some children may not be able to read all 40 words and will access the screening at their own level. Schools are required to report results to parents by the end of the school year so you will learn whether your child has met the required standard, what we will do as a school and what you should do as a parent to ensure his/her phonic skills progress if they need extra support. I have attached a government document entitled 'Learning to read through phonics' which the Department for Education has produced for parents/carers. This will provide further information for you, especially on how to help your children at home.

Please help your children at home by practising using the reading books they bring home. You are welcome to ask Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Graham or Mrs. Newman for help if you need any support. Testing will take place during the week beginning 10th June 2019 and it is **very important that your child attends school that week**. Thank you for your support to the school and please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers if you need any further information or reassurance.

Kind regards,

Mr. A. Bainbridge (Deputy Headteacher)