

Dear Parent / Carer

National Phonics Screening Check

We are writing to inform you of the National Phonics Screening Check taking place in Key Stage 1 during the week beginning 9th June. This letter aims to explain this process, in addition to providing you with ideas to help your child with phonics at home.

Who takes the test?

All children in year 1 will take the Test. In addition, any child currently in year 2 who did not reach the required level when they took the test in year 1 will take the test again in year 2. If we feel that there is a valid reason why your child should not take the test in Year 1, the class teacher will discuss this with you. Please note, this is only done in exceptional circumstances and your child would still be eligible to sit the test when they are in Year 2.

You can use this link or QR code to play a short video which explains the Phonics Screening Check:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IAT2xHDC/ycsarrzP>



Additional Resources for further information and support.

We have created a webpage that will provide you with further information and support about phonics and the phonics screening check.

<https://hillviewprimary.co.uk/phonics-screening/>

On this page you can find out:

- What is phonics?
- Why phonics?
- What is the phonics screening check?
- What are nonsense words?
- What will happen after the check

Additionally, from this page you can find out more about how to **help your child** with their phonics, should you wish, and there are charts of the phonemes and graphemes and a sample from a previous screening check. At the bottom of the page is a short PowerPoint for parents that explains a little bit more about the process if you wish to know about it.

Finally, we have provided access to a downloadable booklet of phonics practice activities that you can complete with your child that will help you practice this important reading skill further:

<https://hillviewprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Phonics-practice-activities-1.pdf>

In **July** we will send you the results of your child's assessment and this will be used to ensure that we build on and address your child's profile of strengths and areas to develop as a reader and writer.

If you have any further queries about any aspect of this, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards

The Reading Team