

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Due to COVID-19 and lockdown, primary schools nationally were unable to administer the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check as usual in June. The Government decided that primary schools must administer the Phonics Screening Check to all Year 2 children during this academic term.

The phonics check will be administered in school across the next two weeks. We have been teaching and refreshing children's knowledge of phonics since returning in September. If any children do not pass the screening check, they will take it again in the summer term. This is in line with usual practice, whereby any child who does not pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 retakes the screening check in Year 2.

To further support your child with their learning and preparation for this screening check: continue to listen to your child read every night and log on to the Phonics Play website regularly and allow children to practise reading and blending their sounds like we do in class. Here is the link to the login page:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Or alternatively, just google: Phonics Play.

Username: Ellington

Password: Primary

If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening Check then please do not hesitate to ask. As always, you can contact Miss Willcock on the school email address: year2.ellington@school360.co.uk

There is also some helpful information on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-sample-materials-and-training-video>

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Willcock

Year 2 Class Teacher.