



# Ratby Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Phonics Screening Check 2020

In 2012, the Government introduced a phonics screening check for all Year 1 pupils to assess their phonic decoding ability. The phonics screening check is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. The check is used to identify which children will need extra help and support to improve their reading skills. They will then retake the check the following year to track their progress.

The screening should've been carried out in June however due to the circumstances the check will be taken in November. The test will be administered by Mrs. Savage to the children individually and is based upon the phonics skills they have been acquiring and practicing on a daily basis during the year.

In order to support your child please watch the phonics presentation <https://youtu.be/F5kQfnJCbmA>

This will show you examples of the test and how you can help your child prepare for the screening. To prepare the children for the screening they have recently completed a mock screening and the Year 2 teachers are revisiting Phase 5 in their phonics lessons.

Although it is classified as a 'test', we do not use this language with the children and we aim to ensure that children are in no way 'stressed' by the test or even aware that they are taking such a test. The screening process involves asking children to read aloud 40 words and takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes to administer for each child.

Following the screening week, we will not know if your child has passed until the threshold has been released and will inform you as soon as possible. If your child does not pass the screening they will have interventions put in place and will retake the check in June 2021.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Savage



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