

Phonics Screening Check

Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2021 means pupils starting year 2 in September 2021 will not have taken the check in year 1. In the 2021/22 academic year, the DfE have confirmed that it is statutory for schools to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2021 autumn term.

The autumn check is intended to ensure that year 2 pupils who need support in learning to decode using phonics are not missed.

Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in phonics in the 2021 autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the 2021 autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2022, alongside year 1 pupils.

In order to prepare children for this, Year 2 children are taking part in daily phonics sessions to recap sounds that should have been taught in Year 1. To help your child with this, please try to read with your child daily to practise applying their phonics.