



The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1 children,

Phonics Screening Check

In the week after the half-term break, your child will take part in the Government's Phonics Screening Check.

The Phonics Screening Check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps us confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.

The check comprises of a list of 40 words that children read one-to-one with a teacher. The list is a combination of both real and made-up words designed to assess decoding skills.

All children are individuals and develop at different rates. The screening check ensures that teachers understand which children need extra help with phonic decoding.

As you know, our children take part in phonics sessions on a daily basis. Therefore, this assessment will build on from their learning. The actual assessment will last less than 10 minutes and it will be carried out by your child's class teacher or myself, in familiar surroundings within the daily routine, so that the children are not put under any undue stress.

Your child's result will be shared with you towards the end of the summer term.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Osmond
Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum

