

# Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may be aware, all year 1 pupils in the UK will be completing a statutory 'phonics screening check' during the week beginning 11-18<sup>th</sup> June.

This involves the children reading 40 words to a member of school staff. Half of the words are real and half are 'nonsense' words, which they need to use their phonics to sound out. The check should take approximately 10 minutes, although all children are different and will complete it at their own pace.

The purpose of this statutory check is to determine how well the children can use and apply their phonics knowledge.

As a result, some of the children have been receiving extra phonics support during afternoons.

If you are able to help your child at home, you could play lots of sound and listening games and encourage them to sound out all unfamiliar words.

If you have any questions, please see your class teacher or follow this link for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-phonics-screening-check-administration-guidance>

Best wishes

Lizzie Bullock

Year 1 & 2 leader