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Dear Parent/Carer

Schools are expected to administer the phonics screening check for pupils in Year 1. The phonics screening check is designed to check individual pupil's ability to use phonic decoding. Due to changes as a result of the covid outbreak during the last school year, the screening check did not go ahead. Schools are therefore required to carry out the check during the second half of the 2020 autumn term for pupils in Year 2.

The development of phonics skills is introduced as part of the curriculum, in line with each pupil's overall development. Ongoing assessment is carried out to track progress and based on school's assessments, it is our professional judgement that it would not be appropriate for your child to be assessed using the national phonics screening check. Your child will therefore be dis-applied from this at this time.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Trish Baker Deputy Headteacher











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