



**VAUGHAN**  
Primary School

# YEAR 1 PARENTS PHONICS MEETING

OCTOBER 2023



# **Aims of the Meeting**

- Brief Parents about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.
- How we teach phonics at Vaughan.
- Enable Year 1 parents to ask how Phonics learning takes place in Year 1.
- Question and answer session.



# YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

- All pupils in Year 1 will undergo the Phonics Screening Check.
- The Screening Check is a **statutory** requirement by the Government.
- The window to administer the check is during week of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Parents will be notified of the results of their child's Screening Check in the End of Year reports.
- Any pupils who do not achieve the pass mark standard in the Summer Term will be required to take the Screening Check again in Year 2.



# THE PROCESS

- The Check will be administered by a member of teaching staff known to the children. It will be one of the Year 1 teachers, Mrs Ladak (Year 1 Leader), Mrs Jones or myself.
- Each Check will take about 10 mins to complete. (This is flexible according to the needs of each child).
- The Check involves the child reading a list of 40 words in a simple booklet. These words consist of real words and non (pseudo) words. There is a practise activity that can be used before the actual Check is administered so the child understands the format that will form the check.
- The adult will help to guide the child through the check.
- The aim of the check is to test whether the child can use their sounds to blend and read words. The Check is not designed to test their comprehension (understanding). The words to be read will increase with difficulty throughout the Screening Check.
- The Check will be administered 1:1 in a quiet room. The pass mark for the test will be expected to be around 32/33 out of 40.



# PREPARATION FOR THE CHECK

- Year 1 staff are delivering their Phonics sessions as usual.
- There is some individualised or small group work for those pupils who may need it.
- Year 1 pupils will be using the sample materials made available by the government to practise reading real words and pseudo words throughout the academic year to become familiarised with vocabulary similar to that used in the Screening Check.
- During the year, pupils take home an envelope of words to help parents to support their child's progress. Word cards will be sent out again via email for parents to practise at home if they wish.



# Examples of words

in

at

beg

sum

ot



vap



osk



ect







# How we teach phonics at Vaughan

- 'Twinkl Phonics' is the phonics resource used at Vaughan Primary School.
- The Twinkl programme is introduced in Nursery and continues throughout the Infant School to the End of Year 2.
- Those pupils who require further consolidation to secure their knowledge of phonics to read receive small group opportunities in the Junior School.
- There are daily phonics sessions in Year 1. There are also opportunities planned in for individualised or small group work, for those pupils who require it.
- We stream according to the needs of the children in phonics.
- It is also important to note that there are a number of resources used in school to supplement or deliver phonics teaching across the infant school.
- Mrs Jones will speak to parents of children who may be disapplied from taking the check. This is on a case by case basis.

A photograph of a classroom full of children in school uniforms. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. In the center, a young boy is raising his right hand. To his left, another boy is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. To the right, a girl with glasses is looking towards the right side of the frame. The background is filled with other children, some of whom are also raising their hands. The overall atmosphere is one of an active and engaged classroom.

**Questions?**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING**