

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

WHAT

- The test is administered 1:1 to each pupil in school by a teacher
- The check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words
- Both sections contain a mixture of real words and nonsense words (nonsense words are phonically decodable but are not actual words)
- Each pupil is awarded a mark between 0 and 40
- There is no formal time limit, but each check takes about 10 minutes

WHO

- The phonics screening check (PSC) is a test for Year 1 pupils
- The school will report each child's results by the end of the summer term
- If a pupil does not meet the expected standard at the end of Year 1, a programme of support should be put in place
- The teacher will consider a re-take for the pupil in Year 2

WHY

- The phonics screening test is a statutory assessment that confirms whether or not pupils have met the expected standard in phonic decoding
- It reveals which pupils may need additional support

WHEN

- 10th - 14th June: Schools can choose a day within this week to complete the test
- The test can take place on one day or across several days
- 17th - 21st June: Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent during PSC week