

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

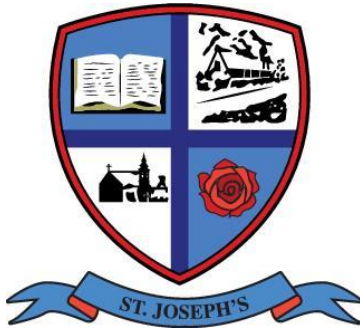
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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PHONICS SCREENING – June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the Key Stage One phonics screening check. All schools are required to complete this with all children in Year 1 and children in Year 2 who didn't reach the required standard when they were in Year 1.

The screening will take place w/b 12th June 2023 and will be administered by Mrs Porter (*who has been trained in the delivery of the Phonics Screening Test*). They will work individually with each child for about 15 minutes. We approach this task sensitively and work positively with the children. This is an extension of your child's daily phonic sessions so will not be 'strange' to the children.

The children are asked to read 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words (non-words). The pseudo words are included because children can't read them using their memory or vocabulary so they have to use their phonic decoding skills. The children often complete activities in school using pseudo words so this approach is not new to them.

Some children may not be able to read all 40 words and will access the screening at their own level. Schools are required to report results to parents by the end of the school year so you will learn whether your child met the required standard, what we will do as a school and what you should do as a parent to ensure his/her phonic skills progress if he/she needs extra support.

Thank you for your support to the school and please do not hesitate to contact school if you need any further information or reassurance.

Thank you
Mrs Baxendale

