



# Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Year 2 Phonics Screening Check**

As you may be aware, at the end of Year 1, children would normally take part in a phonics screening check. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and school closures, children currently in Year 2 didn't have the opportunity to complete this check and will now do so this half term.

The check involves testing the children's ability to decode a selection of real and made-up words, and is used to inform teacher's phonics planning to allow them to better plug the gaps in children's phonics knowledge. The results of this check will also be submitted to the DFE. There are 40 words for the children to decode and a score of 32 or higher indicates a pass. If children score less than 32, they will be required to resit the check during the Summer term of 2022.

The check will take part during the school day and will be administered individually by the child's teacher. It will feel like a usual school activity for the children where they will be encouraged to try their best and answer as much as they can. The test should take between 5 and 10 minutes for each child to complete however there is no time limit for the check. We have planned for the check to take place on the following dates:

2JS - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

2LC – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

2HB – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Once the check has been completed and the results compiled, parents will be informed of their child's score.

If you have any queries about the Phonics Screening Check in Year 2 please don't hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

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