

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Primary School

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Dear parents,

In June, year 1 children are statutorily required to complete the YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING check as set by the Department for Education (DfE).

Please click on this link to find out more about this phonics screening check:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XtDTwfjXM4>



How you can help at home:

Each week we will be sending home practise words for the children to have a go at, at home. Teachers will be explaining this task during parental meetings this week, and children will bring this task home on a Thursday from this week onwards.

Please take the time to support your child with this task – they will need to identify the sounds and correctly read the word out loud to you. They complete this approach within their phonics lessons so they should be confident and comfortable completing this task.

More about the assessment:

At Corpus Christi, we ensure that this is a fun assessment, completed with class teachers...and there is always a reward at the end!

We will not be completing the assessment on a set date, we tend to choose opportunities within the week when the children have the most energy and are most alert! We also do not set a date as this is not something that we want the children to be aware of or be worried about. They shouldn't even know that they are doing an assessment, we prefer for them to think they are simply doing some reading with their teacher. Parents will receive the result of this assessment in your child's annual school report which will be sent home in July.

We really appreciate your support with this weekly reading task – it really will make a difference.

Mrs Cain
KS1 Leader / Assistant Head teacher / English Leader

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