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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Important Information - Year 2 Phonic Screening Check

As you may be aware, the Year 2 children missed the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check during the Summer term last academic year. As such, Year 2 pupils will be required to participate in a phonics screening check after half term which will be carried out by Mrs Payne. The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps us confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.

### How does the check work?

Your child will sit with Mrs Payne and be asked to read 40 words aloud. Your child may have read some of the words before, while others will be completely new. The check normally takes just a few minutes to complete and there is no time limit. If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check. The check has been carefully designed not to be stressful for your child. The check will contain a mix of real words and 'non-words' (or 'nonsense words'). Your child will be told before the check that there will be non-words that he or she will not have seen before.

After the test, we will tell you about your child's progress in phonics and how he or she has done. If your child does not pass the Autumn check they will be required to sit another phonics screening check in June 2021.

We will advise you of the date of the check nearer the time.

Mrs Payne has already begun working with the Year 2 children to identify and address any gaps in their phonic knowledge.

Due to the fact that some children have not been in school since March, we are aware that one or two children have dropped back and are not where they should be in terms of their phonic knowledge. I would ask you to practise with your child as much as you can so that they are in a strong position to meet the demands of the Year 2 curriculum.

We have uploaded the 2019 phonics check onto our website and it can be found by following this link:-

<https://www.highlittletonschool.com/phonics>

Yours sincerely,

Gareth Griffith  
Headteacher



***"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12***