

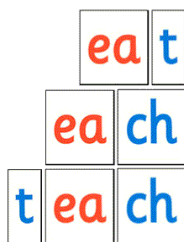
# St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is in Year 1 and in the summer term, will be completing a statutory phonics assessment. The reason for this assessment is so that the government can monitor whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.

Below are the details of this statutory phonics assessment:

- All children in Year 1 will be assessed
- They will be assessed on any day during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June
- The assessment is carried out in school on a 1:1 basis, between each child and their class teacher
- There is no time limit, but the assessment is expected to last between 4-9 minutes
- The children will be asked to read 40 words (assessing their phonic decoding skills), e.g. shin, chill, week
- There is 1 mark for each word read correctly
- Some of the words are 'pseudo-words' – they are not real words, e.g. quemp, ulf, jound
- Children who do not meet the required standard in the screening check, should retake the screening check the following year (i.e. when the child is in Year 2)

Your child will already be familiar with 1:1 phonics assessments. These take place as part of the usual class routines from Reception through to Year 2.

You will receive the results of this phonics assessment in the summer term along with your child's annual report. Pass marks and thresholds will be available at this time also, so you can see how well your child did in the assessment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day or by appointment, which can be made through the admin. office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Alford  
(Deputy Headteacher)

