

Phonics Screening Check Important dates 2021-2022

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

Children complete a word-reading check at the end of Year 1 so that parents can be confident their children are being taught to read successfully.

Children read 40 words. It takes between two and five minutes.

If they do not manage to read at least **32** of the words, they are given extra support, and repeat the check at the end of Year 2.

The 'pass' mark of 32 is subject to change by the government and schools will be notified some time in June of this figure.

All children at Aqueduct Primary will be supported to learn phonics using the Read Write Inc Phonics programme.

In Autumn 2021 all eligible Year 2 pupils took the Phonics Screening Check. The Government set out the following guidelines.

Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2021 means year 2 pupils did not take the check in year 1. In the 2021 to 2022 academic year, it is statutory for schools to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2021 autumn term and return results to their local authority.

*The autumn check is intended to ensure that **year 2 pupils** who need support in learning to decode using phonics are not missed.*

The autumn check was designed to be as flexible as possible, whilst also minimising any burden that could have arisen from the existing requirement, which would have required all year 1 and 2 pupils to be assessed concurrently in a short window in the summer term.

Year 2 pupils who met the expected standard in phonics in the 2021 autumn check would not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the 2021 autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2022, alongside year 1 pupils.

Year 3 pupils, who were due to take the statutory check in June 2021 (when they were in year 2), are not required to take the autumn check. However, at Aqueduct Primary we shall be administering the check to these pupils so we can monitor their progress and ensure they are reaching expected levels of attainment in reading.

Year 1 will take the Phonics Screening check during the summer term **Week commencing Monday 6 June 2022**. We politely request that parents ensure children in Year 1 and those in Year 2 who have to retake the Check are in school during the administration of the phonics Screening Check