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The Catholic Diocese of Northampton  
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Dear Parents and carers,

**Phonics Screening 2020 Update**

As you will be aware, our Year 1 children would have undertaken the National Phonics Screening Check in June 2020. The government has announced that schools are to administer the check during the second half of the Autumn term. The check will be done by myself and it will be carried out like a regular phonics assessment which the children are used to doing. We would like to reassure you that your child will not be put under undue pressure to catch up on any missed learning. All Year 2 children are continuing their phonics journey in groups according to our RWInc assessments and being supported by the KS1 team.

We will inform parents of screening results and any children who do not meet the expected level will take the phonics screening in June 2021, alongside year 1 pupils (this is normal practice).

Please find below resources and websites you can use at home to consolidate your children's phonics skills. RWInc, the phonics programme we use in school has many useful free resources, including how to pronounce the sounds-

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>

Other resources such as free eBooks, videos and Set1,2 and 3 speed sounds can be found at  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Other useful websites are  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Purple Mash – Phonics can be found in the English section.  
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More information about the phonics screening check for parents and carers-  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessment-tests/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

If you have any questions please ask Mrs O'Key, Mrs Berrill, myself or email the office.  
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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