

## Phonics Screening Check (PSC) 2025

What?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The test is administered 1:1 to each learner by a teacher who is familiar to them.</li><li>● The check consists of 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words.</li><li>● Both sections contain a mixture of real words and nonsense words (nonsense words are phonetically decodable but are not actual words)</li><li>● Each learner is awarded a mark between 0 and 40.</li><li>● There is no time limit, but each check takes about 10 minutes.</li></ul>
Who?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The PSC is for Year 1 pupils.</li><li>● The school will report each learner's results by the end of the summer term.</li><li>● If a learner does not meet the expected standard at the end of Year 1, a programme of support will be put in place to continue to close gaps. They will then retake the check in Year 2.</li></ul>
Why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The PSC is a statutory assessment that confirms whether or not learners have met the expected standard in phonic decoding.</li><li>● It identifies which learners may need additional support.</li><li>● Support will be put in place for learners who do not reach the expected standard.</li></ul>
When?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The PSC will take place between 9th-13th June 2025.</li><li>● 16th-20th June 2025: timetable variation for learners who were absent during PSC week.</li></ul>