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Trialling Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Materials

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know that Barrow Hedges has been selected to trial Phonics Screening Check materials for Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 15th June 2022. This is **in addition to** the Phonics Screening Check which all pupils will take during wc 6th June 2022. The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) is doing this work for the Standards and Testing Agency, which is part of the Department for Education. This trial plays a critical role in developing these check materials. Schools selected to take part in the trialling of these key stage 1 check materials have a statutory responsibility to participate. Further information is available at the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/introduction-of-statutory-participation-in-trialling-of-nationalcurriculum-tests-from-2016>

A group of 20 Year 1 pupils will be asked to complete the check on Wednesday 15th June 2022. They will be selected through a random sample by the Standards and Testing Agency (STA), in advance of the testing. They will be given a certificate and a pencil as a thank you for their help. Pupils' background data, as collected in the autumn school census and confirmed with the school, will be used to inform the analysis of the trial. The privacy notice https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/4768/stct_test_administration_privacy_notice.pdf sets out how the NFER comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This project is confidential and no school or child will be named in any report of this work. The aim of this exercise is to trial the check materials, not the pupils. As these materials are in the development stage, schools will not receive any results from this trial. If you have any questions about this project, please telephone NFER on 01753 637136 or email them at STCT@nfer.ac.uk and they will be happy to answer any queries you might have.

Yours sincerely

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