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Dear Parents and Carers

KS1 Phonics

At Broadstone First, we believe that reading is the key to all learning and we are fully committed to making sure that every child is a reader. As a school we follow the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme to support the teaching of phonics.

Each child is carefully assessed and placed into a RWI group based on their phonics sound knowledge and reading skills. This ensures that all children are working at the right level for them which is the best way to ensure progress and confidence in their reading skills.

In reviewing our phonics teaching, and through further development with Read Write Inc, we have made a couple of changes to our provision.

From next week, we will be grouping all KS1 learners together for their phonics. This will mean that both Year 1 and Year 2 will mix together for their phonics sessions. This will allow for groups to be targeted to the exact sounds needed and will support further progress with your child's reading. Please note this is not streaming and these groups are fluid. Children move groups as and when they are secure and ready for the next set of sound or reading focus.

Your child may not be taught phonics by their own class teacher or Learning Support Assistant however all information and session notes are passed on to enable further guidance and support in all subsequent lessons.

We will be continuing to review this over the coming weeks. Please be assured that this will not be too much of a change for your child as they are already use to working with different adults within different groups across their year groups.

Should you have any further questions or want to find out more about the teaching of phonics. Please do contact your child's class teacher.

Best Wishes

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