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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you regarding the approach we use to teach reading for our **Reception, Year One and Year 2 children**, specifically how we teach phonics. I am aware, that for many of you, this information is not new, as we shared detailed information with you all last year, and our approach has not changed but, I am also aware, many of you are new to our school and sharing again, for 'old' parents and carers is always helpful!

Following guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) all schools were asked to review how they taught phonics last year, and to ensure their approach followed the synthetic, systematic approach recommended by the DfE.

We follow the DfE accredited scheme called ***Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised***. We feel this programme is the best fit for our children and allows our children to smoothly transition across year groups.

I have attached quite a lot of information for you, detailing how this approach works. Please do take the time to read through the information. We will also be holding an information evening for Parents and Carers, (date to be confirmed) over the coming term but I thought it would be helpful to share this information, ahead of that meeting.

Our Reception teams are currently undertaking placement assessments for all children, in a very informal, gentle way, and reading books will be coming home over the next few weeks. It is important we get to know your child well before books come home, so that your child has early success.

Further information about ***Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised*** can be found [here](#). Included on this website are videos that you may find useful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Aldred
Headteacher