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Dear parents and carers,

At the recent phonics workshop, we gave information about how we teach linguistic phonics at Burfield and Hawkes Farm Academies. Please find attached some of the information from the workshop which we hope you will find useful.

The sheet outlines the key skills and concepts children are taught throughout the Reception year, Year 1 and beyond. The Initial Code is primarily taught during the Reception year and the Extended Code is taught throughout Year 1. Children in Year 1 take part in a national screening check in June, which looks at their early reading skills. By teaching Linguistic Phonics, we are confident that children will acquire the skills and knowledge they need not only to pass the screening check but to become proficient readers and enjoy reading for the rest of their lives.

You will also find attached some of the slides we used during the workshop. These are intended to provide a little more information about our approach and how you can support at home, such as looking at the resources and advice on the Phonics Books website or signing up to the free parent training available on the Udemy website. Again, we hope you will find this informative and supportive as you work in partnership with your child's academy to teach your child to read.

Should you need any of the attached resources printed, please do ask at the Office and they will hand you a hard copy.

Please do take some time to look at the attached information and, if you have any further questions about phonics, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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