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Dear Parent / Carer of children in Year 1,

We are pleased to tell you that children in Year 1 will be starting to use the Spelling Shed system as part of their school work.



The Spelling Shed helps children to practise spelling via a simple game. The game gives four different degrees of support in the form of difficulty modes: Easy, Medium, Hard and Extreme. Higher levels allow a higher score to be achieved, but children can practise as much as they like on lower levels before trying to gain high scores. The scores achieved give a league position and each class has its own league position within a school league and a world league. Spelling Shed also allows for homework and whole-class "Hive" games as a more interactive form of a spelling test. Your child's teacher will set lists of words that your child should practise and will monitor their progress.

Once your child has their login information they can access our online game via <https://play.spellingshed.com/#/login>. This link is also available on the home page of our website.

To be entered into the Spelling Shed system a small amount of information will be added to the Spelling Shed database. This is limited to:

- Name
- A username
- A password

Usernames are displayed in certain areas so we will be using first name and last initial as a maximum (similar to Athletics).

The Spelling Shed does not share any personal information and their full privacy policy can be accessed at <https://www.spellingshed.com/privacy.html>.

Please complete the online consent form or return the slip below to the school by **Wednesday 11th September**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hill Hill".

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Link to online form:

<https://www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk/form/?pid=108&form=625>

SPELLING SHED

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I give consent for my child's personal information to be entered into the Spelling Shed system and stored.

Yes

No

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____