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Dear Parents / Carers,

RE Covid-19 – School measures

Thank you for your ongoing support during this challenging time. As the situation is so fluid and changing so quickly, we have decided to introduce more regular updates for parents and carers via email. We feel that information in the newsletter, once a week, is not frequent enough because of how quickly matters are changing and may continue to change. We hope that this approach to good communication is reassuring for parents.

I'm sure you are all more than aware of the news regarding Coronavirus. Current Government plans are **not to shut schools**. There has been very clear guidance issued that adults and children are required to self-isolate for 7 days if they display any mild symptoms of the virus.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- * new continuous cough and/or
- * high temperature (37.5 or above)

If your child has symptoms of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, they should stay home for 7 days from when their symptoms started. It is important that we all follow this guidance in order to safeguard our entire school community and I know I can count on your support in this. If you are concerned in anyway please phone NHS 111.

If you haven't already done so please inform the school as soon as possible if you are isolating your child or of any changes. After 7 days, if your child is no longer displaying symptoms they can return to school. Likewise, if we are concerned about a child's health in school we will contact their parents/carers immediately.

At Bulphan we are already ensuring that:

- *Additional cleaning is in place
- *Access to hand hygiene is available in all classrooms and around the school – the children have all had specific lessons in good hand hygiene (NHS video) and are reminded regularly throughout the day.

I am sure you will agree that we are in unprecedented circumstances so in order to safeguard the children as much as we are able to we will also be implementing the following:

- *Reducing time spent on the carpet where possible

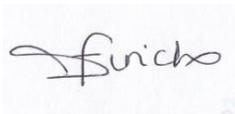
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- *Whole school worships will be reduced and possibly cancelled for a limited time
- * Educational visits will be considered carefully. Where they involve children being amongst large groups of other people they will be cancelled. Swimming will continue to take place on Thursday and will be reviewed weekly. We are in constant communication with the pool and following their guidance.
- *All school events involving parents will be cancelled for the foreseeable future such as PTA Afternoon Tea on 20th March, Celebration Worship on 27th March and **Parents Evening next week will be postponed.** This is to limit footfall into the school building in order to safeguard everyone.
- *Staggered play and lunch times.
- *Ringing parents immediately if we are concerned a child may be showing symptoms and asking for them to be collected

We appreciate the support that we have had from many of you in what is an unprecedented circumstance. Please be assured that everything we are putting into place is in the best interest of the health and safety of all children and staff.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Finch
Headteacher

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