

Bulphan Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

Following the announcement from the Government yesterday, this is to confirm that Bulphan C of E Academy is closed from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice, to all pupils with the exception of children who are classed as 'vulnerable' or with parents / carers classed as 'key workers' by the Government. We have contacted parents of the children who fall in to these categories.

The guidance is very clear from the Government that children who fall into one of the above categories should only come into school as a last resort if no other childcare is available.

If your children are at school from Monday 23rd March, please note that the school will not be operating as normal. We will not have a full staff team in place and children will be cared for together with a reduced workforce.

Children should wear full school uniform as usual and bring along their PE kit as they will be taking part in sports activities.

The school will be open from 9am until 3pm. We will continue to follow guidelines around social distancing and limiting foot fall in the school, so children should continue to be dropped off and collected via the school gate. **School gates will open at 8.50**

There **will** be provision for a hot meal at lunchtime to be paid for as per usual on SchoolMoney, but children can bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

If your child is attending school from Monday and they receive Free School Meals, they will still receive their lunch in school. If your child receives Free School Meals and will not be in school then you will have been contacted to advise when you can collect weekly food hampers.

I would also like to set out that if your child is attending school from Monday the current Public Health England guidance remains in place. Therefore, if your child or anyone in your household develops a new, continuous cough and/or has a high temperature you should all self-isolate for 14 days and contact the school to let us know your child will not be attending.

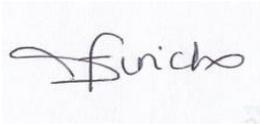
All other children are to remain at home and not come into school until further notice. Your class teacher has created home learning packs that are available on the school website under the 'About Us' – 'Curriculum' tab.

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These are incredibly difficult times for everyone and I would like to thank all parents/carers for the support we have received. I would also like to thank our wonderful team here at Bulphan who have pulled together during this difficult time to ensure we can provide the very best for your children.

We will communicate with the whole school community through our website and email over the coming weeks to keep you updated as best we can.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Finch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Miss Finch
Headteacher

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