



# BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## **New measures to help delay the spread of coronavirus - Delay Phase.**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have now moved to what the government describes as the 'Delay Phase'. As you will see this is an ever changing situation and we will attempt to keep you informed as soon as we know. New guidance has also been provided from Public Health England which states that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature; and or
- a **new** continuous cough.

This will help to protect others in our community while you are infectious. Public Health England advise you not to go a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home and the NHS will not be testing those self-isolating with mild symptoms.

### **The government has decided not to close schools.**

If the school does, at a later point, need to close, we will let you know as soon as we can. We have made arrangements for this and will do our utmost to provide learning activities for all pupils via our website.

If your child is unable to access the internet at home, please contact the school office as soon as possible, confidentially in writing, and the school will arrange support in the event of a school closure.

### **To date we have had no confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst our children or staff.**

Please be assured that we will stay up to date on the latest guidance from the Government, and will continue to follow all advice we receive from Public Health England (PHE). In return we ask our parents and carers to please let the school know if you or members of your family have been advised to self-isolate, or if you have a confirmed case of coronavirus.



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**If you choose to self-isolate your child, and your child and/or immediate family members within your household are not displaying the two bullet points above, please note your child's absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.** In this situation, your child's teacher will not be expected to send home learning tasks as you have chosen independently to keep your child away from school.

## What we are doing at Burlington Junior School.

We are checking the information about the virus daily and also monitoring the situation within the school and the local community.

We will not go on school trips during the remainder of this term. We currently plan to run the two residential trips in Y6 and Y4 as these centres are themselves isolated and restrict visitors going in and out of them, however we continue to monitor this closely and this decision may change.

We are restricting our whole school gatherings including whole school assemblies. Goodall and Riley class assemblies will still take place but will only be performed live for the parents. We will record it for the school to watch in their own classes.

Children will still play together outside and eat lunch together.

We are also cancelling a number of training courses for our staff which would have involved them going to other schools, or other school staff coming to visit Burlington.

We are cancelling sport competitions with other schools starting tomorrow.

We are continuing to run our own after school clubs but we will monitor this closely. Children and all adults will wash their hands before the club begins and be reminded to use anti bac if handling equipment. We are not sending out letters for the clubs in the summer term until we are confident that these can take place.

The site manager has gathered further information regarding good cleaning practices and what measures will help protect everyone for longer. He is putting this into action.

We are cancelling the last two weeks of swimming for Year Four.

The recorder assembly and the performance assembly in school are postponed.



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The SATs meeting and the parent rep meeting are being postponed.

We are also restricting visitors coming into school such as school Governors and visitors from the wider area. We will be cancelling any open mornings or afternoons this term.

We are postponing parents evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and hope to run this later this year. However the small SEN meetings with Mrs Case will continue as booked. We are still aiming to get reports out as normal.

## **What Parents can do to help.**

Please make sure you are signed up to the Burlington School App. This is how all our letters and updated messages are being sent.

Please inform the school if you are deciding to self isolate. This helps avoid unnecessary phone calls from the school staff.

Please do not call to ask if we are open, keep checking the Burlington App for updates and letters. Parent reps can also help by re sending out any information. If we do close it will be on the front page of our website.

Collection and drop off is a busy time. Drop off is from 8.45-8.50am to allow adults to stagger their arrival. The end of the day is 3.25pm but you are welcome to stand back from the busy areas until you feel comfortable to approach the class teacher.

This is an exceptional situation and our priority is to do what we can to help keep our children and our wider community safe, based on the information from the Local Authority and the Government. We are extremely grateful for all your support and for working with us at this very challenging time.

Yours faithfully,

Pip Utting.

Headteacher.



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