**Pure Sounds Guide**

**At Slindon C of E Primary School we teach the children pure sounds, ('m' not ‘muh’,'s' not 'suh', etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily.**

**These first sounds should all be stretched slightly. Try to avoid saying uh after each one:**

m - mmmmmmonkey (keep lips pressed together hard)

s - sssssnake (keep teeth together and hiss - unvoiced)

n - nnnnnnet (keep tongue behind teeth)

f - ffffflower (keep teeth on bottom lip and force air out sharply - unvoiced)

l - llllleg (keep pointed curled tongue behind teeth)

r - rrrrrrobot (say rrr as if you are growling)

v - vvvvvvulture (keep teeth on bottom lip and force air out gently)

 z - zzzzzzip (keep teeth together and make a buzzing sound)

th - thhhhank you (stick out tongue and breathe out sharply)

sh - shhhh (shhh noise as in 'be quiet!')

ng - thinnnnngg (curl your tongue at the back of your throat)

nk - think (i.e 'nk' in oink)

**These next sounds cannot be stretched. We say that they are 'bouncy' sounds. Make the sound as short as possible avoiding uh at the end of the sound:**

t - t-t-t tower (tick tongue behind the teeth - unvoiced)

p - p-p-p pirate (make distinctive p with lips - unvoiced)

k - k-k-k kangaroo (make sharp click at back of throat)

c - c-c-c caterpillar (as above) Curl around the caterpillar

h - h-h-h horse (say h as you breathe sharply out - unvoiced)

 ch - ch-ch-ch (make a short sneezing sound)

 x - x-x-x exercise (say a sharp c and add s - unvoiced) You will find it harder to avoid saying uh at the end of these sounds.

d - d-d-d dinosaur (tap tongue behind the teeth)

g - g-g-g girl (make soft sound in throat)

b - b-b-b boot (make a short, strong b with lips)

j - j-j-j Jack-in-the-box (push lips forward)

y - y-y-y yak (keep edges of tongue against teeth)#

w - w-w-w worm (keep lips tightly pursed)

qu - qu-qu-qu queen (keep lips pursed as you say cw - unvoiced)