



# Oaklands Junior School

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## NEWS UPDATE 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **Coronavirus Update**

Following on from our letter sent out and the Government announcements yesterday, here is some updated information about the Covonavirus (COVID-19). The country has now moved to the "Delay" phase of the disease and at this stage schools will not be closing. A full school closure will only happen on the advice of Public Health England or a Government directive. It is however possible that staff absences may make it necessary to operate partial closures. We will keep you fully informed.

The new advice now is for anyone who has a continuous cough, which is new, or a high temperature to stay at home for at least 7 days. If your symptoms deteriorate, or do not get better after 7 days then please call 111. These symptoms do not necessarily mean an individual has COVID-19, as these are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu. If you have any concerns please follow the advice provided here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and by Public Health England and the Department of Education. Current advice is clear that children should attend school as normal, unless there is a medical reason for them to remain home as detailed above.

Recognising that COVID-19 is subject to rapid change, please use Government websites, which offer factual guidance and advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Government Coronavirus Action Plan; a guide to what you can expect across the UK:  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan)

Should you have any specific concerns you can contact the DfE helpline:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you appreciate we cannot predict what may happen but we will continue to keep you informed and are definitely well-prepared to ensure our children's education continues.

**We reiterate the importance of hand washing as a vital tool to stop the spread.**

### **Notification of Change of Going Home Arrangements**

If you need to let your child know a change of arrangements for going home at the end of the school day please can you ensure you phone and speak to a member of staff. Emails and voice messages might not be picked up in time



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Thank you for all the positive feedback on our Quiz Night – it is great to hear those who came enjoyed themselves and supported our schools at the same time! Our total income was £1,438 and we spent £908.61 on pizzas and drinks, giving us **£529.29** profit. Keep an eye out for the next Quiz Night in the Summer Term and book your team in early to avoid disappointment!

For those of you starting (or at least contemplating!) a spring clear-out, we will be collecting unwanted but usable clothes, towels, bed linen and more, the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. We will provide a full list of items and bags to fill just before the Easter holidays. We receive money for every kilogram donated, so the challenge we are setting is to fill the wooden gazebo in the Junior School playground to the rafters!

### Oaklands Got Talent - Update

**As you will now be aware we have decided to postpone Oaklands Got Talent this weekend. As you can imagine this was not a decision we took lightly but we feel it was for the best. A new date will be communicated in the near future. All bookings have been refunded.**

**Kathryn Pierce** (Chair), **Annabel Parker** (Treasurer) and **Gemma Grundy** (Secretary)

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### Mental Health Matters

*From our Educational Psychotherapist which we hope you will find useful.*

Some more wise words from Philippa Perry's recent book 'The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read (and Your Children Will be Glad That You Did)':

"If you repeatedly distract your child from what they feel or from their experience, you are also unwittingly discouraging them from being able to concentrate. Think of it like this: if your child has hurt themselves, or had their feelings hurt or their wishes denied, if you distract them from what they feel rather than help them work through it, it will discourage them from holding their attention on difficult things. And you do not want your child to be easily distracted from doing a difficult task." (Page 80)

### Sport Relief

We have today raised a total of £170.00 for Sport Relief. Many thanks for your support.