

## Latest Update from The Olive Tree 20-March-2020

Dear All,

As you know, the situation is changing daily and we are keeping up with all government announcements in regards to COVID-19. The well-being of our staff and community is our number one priority.

Having had lengthy discussions with our locals we have decided for the foreseeable future to remain open. In this period of anxiety, uncertainty & isolation, the provision of a friendly safe haven may give you a quick respite from the monotony of being indoors all day, as well protecting your mental health. As always, we are taking necessary steps to ensure our pub environment is as safe as possible. Below is another update on the measures we are taking, which we feel is currently safer than visiting the supermarkets at the moment!

We have begun table separation, ensuring that everyone is a safe distance apart when dining with us. We are also restricting the amount of bar stools and are implementing a two-metre distance with anyone who is standing or sitting at the bar. As well as this, there is a new restriction of 50% capacity in the pub at any one time. This means the maximum number of people in the pub will never exceed 30.

As you may already know, we have begun a takeaway menu at The Olive Tree, which we have included at the end of this email. We are hoping that those who wish to show their support but are self-isolating can still continue to order their 'pub favourites' from us.

Prevention is not the only thing on our mind but also contribution. How can we as a business personally contribute to the community during this difficult time? We have a meeting with the local residents association this evening to discuss potential deliveries to the community. We are still able to receive deliveries from our suppliers such as eggs & pasta – can we start up a community shop to help those who are struggling to get their weekly essentials? We will release details on this as soon as we can.

Finally if you're in trouble downloading and printing homework that is currently being sent for you child's education, please feel free to pop in and use our wifi & printer - free of charge!

For now, we look forward to welcoming you through our doors at this uncertain time. Change is inevitable, so we must learn to embrace the ups and downs that life throws at us.

**Stay safe,**

Nigel, Kathy, Kym, Alex and all at The Olive Tree