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## **KIDSOUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE CANCELLATION OF THE NATIONAL ROTARY KIDSOUT DAY**

In the light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19, you will all be too aware that we Rotarians generally are in the at-risk group. KidsOut strongly recommends that all Rotary Clubs to look at alternatives to the National Rotary KidsOut Day, in particular, as a minimum to scale back their involvement and avoid large gatherings or better still to provide the funds you would have spent directly to KidsOut who will provide fun days out to disadvantaged children to compensate for the loss of the main event. KidsOut will use every penny donated to provide cinema tickets, theatre tickets and many other activities.

If every club donates to KidsOut, it will ensure the survival of our Rotary charity. The threat of the **Coronavirus** outbreak has forced KidsOut to cancel or postpone all its events over the next 3 months resulting in a **loss of over £400k**. With events making up over 50% of KidsOut's cash income, this loss will be devastating for the children's services. To put this into context, this income would have funded a minimum of 15,000 Fun Days out or 4,000 Toy Boxes for vulnerable children being rehomed. Quite simply, without cash donations KidsOut cannot support some of the UK's most disadvantaged children nor support the National Rotary KidsOut Day.

However, all hope is not lost. As stated above, **if your Rotary Club donates their Rotary KidsOut budget to KidsOut** and those Rotary Clubs not taking part donated £100 or £200, this would ensure the charity could maintain its services and continue to bring fun and happiness into the lives of disadvantaged children when they need it most. Options to donate include:

### ONLINE:

You can donate money online using <https://kidsoutuk.charitycheckout.co.uk/donate#!/> by completing the online form and following the steps through the website.

BACS Payment: Metro Bank; Account Number - 24488047; Sort Code - 230580

CHEQUES made payable to KidsOut UK and sent to: KidsOut, 14 Church Square, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1AE

If you need assistance or have questions, please call the KidsOut office on 01525 243210 or email us at [Info@kidsout.org.uk](mailto:Info@kidsout.org.uk)

Thank you, your continued support. KidsOut is very much a Rotary-led organisation. It is fair to say that without Rotary, KidsOut would not exist and KidsOut has never needed that Rotary support more than as it does now.

Signed— CEO: **G Moulds KidsOut**

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