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Dear Families

It is with a very heavy heart that we have to share some really sad news about FOOPA (Friends of Oxley Park Academy).

After many years of incredible support for our school, FOOPA will be closing following its final planned event — our Fireworks Event.

This is hugely sad news for our whole school community. Over the years, FOOPA has raised thousands of pounds for Oxley Park Academy, helping to provide experiences, resources and opportunities that have directly benefited our children. From discos and family events to fundraising activities, FOOPA has played a very special part in school life.

Sadly, we have now reached a point where just one person remains on the committee, and this simply isn't sustainable for a school community of more than 700 children.

As a result, the Halloween Disco will not be going ahead, and there will be no further FOOPA events once the organisation closes.

Could FOOPA ever reopen?

Although FOOPA is now closing, there is an opportunity for it to be restarted in the future if enough families are prepared to come forward and take on the responsibility of running it.

For FOOPA to reopen, we would need at least 6–8 fully committed members who are willing to work together as a committee, organise events, share responsibilities and help continue the fundraising that has benefited so many of our children.

You don't need previous committee experience, and you don't have to know exactly what you're doing. What is important is having a group of people who are prepared to commit their time, work together and give FOOPA the support it needs to become sustainable.

If you would be interested in helping to restart FOOPA, please get in touch at friendsofoxleyparkacademy@hotmail.com

This is not about finding one or two people to take everything on. We need a team. If 6–8 or more committed parents/carers come forward, there is a possibility that FOOPA could be re-established and once again become a thriving part of our school community.



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We know how much families and children have enjoyed FOOPA events over the years, and we know how much of a difference the money raised has made to our school. It is therefore incredibly sad to see it reach this point.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to every FOOPA volunteer, past and present, who has given their time, energy and enthusiasm over the years. You have raised thousands of pounds and created so many wonderful memories for our children.

FOOPA is closing — but perhaps this doesn't have to be the end.

With warm regards

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