



RETURN TO FOOTBALL

Under the current Government roadmap out of lockdown, grassroots football activity can recommence from Monday 29th March, with restrictions and conditions.

For those wanting to return to football activity, the Club wishes to highlight the following points.

SPECTATORS

In-line with the roadmap, ***no*** spectators are currently allowed at grassroots football. At present, fines of up to £10,000 can be levied to Clubs and facilities that do not abide by this.

Guidance from the Football Association however states that one parent/carer per youth player (child) is permitted to be present at football activities where clubs and facilities can safely accommodate them.

This falls under safeguarding, and does ***not*** mean that if 1 child attends football without a parent/carer, another child may be accompanied by 2 parents/carers.

Where parents/carers are permitted to attend, the rules & guidelines for social distancing must be observed.

Where parents/carers are permitted to attend, site specific rules and arrangements must be observed.

Where a Club or facility provider believes it cannot safely accommodate parents/carers, the football activity must take place without parents/carers in attendance, or be cancelled.

PLAYERS

All players are required to follow the same rules and guidelines as were in place before the current lockdown.

The Club wishes to re-emphasise the following:

If you have symptoms of Covid 19, do not attend football.

If you have been sent home from school to isolate, do not attend football before you are allowed to return to school.

If you have tested positive for Covid 19, do not attend football before you are allowed to return to school, and are fit to do so.

Sharing of equipment must be kept to a minimum.

Bring your own, labelled water bottle, hand sanitiser and face covering.

Observe distancing when not engaged in football activity.

Avoid handshakes.

Avoid unnecessary physical contact, such as goal celebrations.

Do not spit.

For training sessions:

Arrive at your session in kit.

On arriving for your session, wait in the spectator area, but no more than 5 minutes before your allocated time.

Follow the one-way system when entering and leaving the training area.

Remain within your allocated training area until the session ends.

Wait to be escorted from the area as a group by your coach or manager.

Respect other groups, particularly regarding time and space.

For match day:

Arrive at for your game in kit.

Meet your team at the meeting place specified by your manager/coach.

PLEASE NOTE:

The current roadmap states that socially distanced spectators (in line with Government guidelines) will be allowed at grassroots football **no earlier than** 12th April.

Clubs and facility providers are bound by the rules laid down by Government and our National Governing Body (the Football Association) and are not given discretion to loosen those rules or to apply exemptions that do not exist under Government and FA rules and guidelines.

We cannot influence or object to the decisions taken by other organisations or venues.

We will allow 1 parent/carer per child at our ground, but will keep the situation under review.

If you are unable or unwilling to adhere to the rules and requirements, please do not return until they are lifted, or until you are able or willing to do so.

It is entirely a personal choice for the parents/carers of each child as to whether, or not, the child returns to participate in football activity while restrictions are in place. Nobody should feel any pressure or obligation to return.

It is entirely a personal choice for the parents/carers of each child as to whether, or not, the child participates without parents/carers in attendance. Nobody should feel any pressure or obligation for the child in their care to participate under these circumstances.

The Managers and coaches registered with Danson Sports on the Football Associations Whole Game System are DBS checked and have completed the FA Safeguarding module.

In allowing a child to return to football activity, parents/carers are acknowledging and accepting that the rules and requirements are in place to minimise the risk of Covid 19 transmission and confirm their commitment to adhering to the rules and requirements.