

Dear Parents, Guardians & Players

In light of the recent FA announcement and subsequent guidelines sent to EBUFC by the Northants FA, we have reviewed and are now preparing to return to our football, albeit it in a restricted way.

In order for us to do so, there are new protocols and extra measures we must put in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our members, coaches and families. We need your help to make it as smooth and safe as we can.

Below is an outline of the extra measures we will be taking and also a declaration for Parents/Guardians/Players to sign so members can participate in the sessions.

Please note EBUFC insurance does not cover against COVID-19 therefore it is vital we all adhere to the following.

<p>Parents/Guardians are expected to stay during the training session until further notice. To facilitate if:-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child should become generally unwell • An incident should occur e.g. a storm & we are unable to take refuge in a safe place without compromising social distancing • An incident should occur where an ambulance is required or medical attention needed • Non-compliant behaviour be experienced
<p>Please prepare your child and remind them that training will be different – notably that they cannot have any form of contact with each other.</p> <p>Players will be placed into small groups/bubbles and must stay within those groups/bubbles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>They shouldn't touch / hug their friends / tackle</i> • <i>They may be in a different group to normal</i> • <i>They will not train with all of their friends, as 'bubbles' cannot mix (a bubble may be in place for all sessions)</i> • <i>They will need to wash their hands whenever a coach asks them to</i> • <i>They must not leave their group/bubble during drink breaks</i> • <i>They must not touch other players footballs or equipment</i> • <i>Only bring food if it is medically advised and remove all rubbish from site within your holdall.</i>
<p>Ensure your child has the correct equipment to train/participate as we are unable to lend any items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Named filled drinks bottle minimum 750ml</i> • <i>Shin pads</i> • <i>Tissue for nose etc.</i> • <i>Personal Sanitiser if you have a small bottle</i> • <i>Any medication, named in their holdall</i> • <i>Bring everything in a named holdall</i>
<p>Please make sure you arrive at the training session at your allocated time.</p> <p>It is as bad to arrive early as arrive late.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This helps to avoid too many people in the same area at the same time</i> • <i>Please observe signs/markings and maintain social distancing</i> • <i>Only leave your vehicle when asked to do so by your coach/manager</i> • <i>Parents/carers should observe social distancing and must not enter the training field.</i> <p><i>Note car sharing can only be by members of the same household.</i></p>

Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure a toilet visit is made before coming to the training ground as the toilets will be unavailable on site
Changing rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please come fully kitted for training as changing rooms or showers will be unavailable
Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inhalers, epi pens etc. need to be in a named clear plastic bag. • A defibrillator is on site and will be used if required.

Do not bring your child to a session if you, they, or anyone in your household is at all unwell, or/and displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or you, they, are part of another bubble e.g. school which is under isolation restrictions as an individual in that bubble has tested positive.

Process for a child showing symptoms whilst at training

- Individual is isolated in a designated area, supervised by a club member wearing PPE.
- Parents are called over to collect the child immediately.
- Parents need to arrange for a Coronavirus test immediately. The child will not be able to return until the outcome of the test is known (if positive, quarantine periods apply – included in the Government guidelines).
- We will notify other families in the ‘bubble’ that a player is being tested to enable them to stay vigilant.
- In the event of a positive test result, we will notify parents of the bubble group and the entire bubble (children and coach) must then self-isolate for 14 days.
- Note if a coach shows symptoms during the session the above will apply however either the session will stop if insufficient cover.

Despite all the challenges for everyone in this situation, we are very much looking forward to welcoming children back to training.

Declaration:

I agree to taking part in sessions with EBUFC and will adhere to all guidelines set out by this document.

Parent/Guardian signed.....Date.....

Let’s make football safe not sorry - please play your part to help everyone!