

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

As part of our return to football planning, the FA asked every club to carry out a risk assessment specific to Covid-19. The potential risks and the club's actions around those risks are included below. If you have any queries around these, please contact either Ben Bradley (benlukebradley@gmail.com) or Vicky Powell (powell-swr@sky.com) who are acting as our Covid-19 Officers.

With all training currently taking place outdoors and no toilets or clubhouse facilities being opened, these are fairly straightforward and in line with the current FA guidance on football activity. As we open indoor facilities (at a later date), we will update all guidance and this risk assessment separately.

Specific Risks & Actions to Reduce Risks

1. HAZARD	2. RISK	3. CONTROLLING RISK	4. RECORD YOUR FINDINGS	5. REVIEW & REVISE
Parents briefed on activity and have given informed permission and Covid-19 Screening completed	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All coaches to use normal communication methods eg WhatsApp, Facebook Groups, Spond etc to communicate all COVID 19 information and plans for individual groups Social Media – information widely circulated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Parents and Carers to be provided with a copy of the club guidance and asked to complete screening forms Information uploaded to SWR Website Individual coaches to maintain high level of communication with their group of parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues around understanding or communication issues if disability or special needs – coaches to communicate in a number of methods Any problems or concerns forwarded or referred to Ben Bradley or Vicky Powell
Data Privacy Policy/ Notices updated to cover data handling of attendees to aid NHS Test and Trace	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All coaches to ensure that they have all participants emergency contact numbers Data held securely and not used for any other purpose than SWR activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches to keep a digital register of all attendees at each coaching session in line with protocol and to aid Track and Trace procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All parents and carers responsible for providing any updated contact details or preferences. Parents to notify the club and coach if they or their child has had any contact with suspected or confirmed Covid 19 cases.
Pre activity Health Checks	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google Form Covid-19 Screening introduced as a compulsory measure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants should be encouraged to report any Covid-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues around potential non compliance by families or children to be managed

<p>Someone exhibits Covid-19 symptoms before football activity, has tested positive for Covid-19 or is asked to self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19.</p>		<p>Links to be forwarded to parents/carers on the day of every session or match and must be completed prior to attending training. If this is not completed, the player cannot take part!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player and Parents to self check for symptoms prior to any activity and report via the Screening submission. • FA and Club Guidance issued to all participants • Coaches to reinforce the guidance in person to the whole group before the first session and participants will be encouraged to ask any questions if they are not sure, either directly to their coach, or to the club's Covid-19 Officers – Ben Bradley or Vicky Powell. • Coaches should keep a digital record of who attended each session, along with a contact number for each participant (or their parent / carer if under 18). Remember to include officials and coaches 	<p>symptoms, positive Covid-19 test results or any contact from the health services to ask that they self-isolate due to potential contact with Covid-19 to their child's coach immediately. This should also be reported to the club's Covid-19 Officers immediately (Ben Bradley/Vicky Powell), who will contact the health services and take advice from them immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All players who display symptoms or may have been in contact with any one suspected or confirmed with Covid 19 should inform their coach and not attend any training or games until successfully completing self isolation • All parents and carers to be notified and Track and Trace protocol followed 	<p>under code of conduct/behaviour and also Safeguarding Policy – all matters to be referred to Ben Bradley and Vicky Powell</p>
<p>A participant displays symptoms during a session</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participant in question should be kept socially distant from others, in line with government guidance, whilst all other safeguarding criteria are met. If a parent or guardian is not present, they should be informed immediately and asked to collect their child immediately. 		

<p>Vulnerability of Participants or Coaching Staff</p> <p>Individual Health Concerns that may be more susceptible to Covid 19</p> <p>Children feel pressured into returning to football before they are ready.</p>	<p>All Participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is individual parents' responsibility to make their coaches and the club aware of any health conditions any participant may have that may put them at higher risk from Covid-19 and those same parents' responsibility to decide whether they are comfortable with their child attending football activities, based on the guidelines we have in place. • Coaches should make it clear to parents and players that they are under no pressure to return to football if they do not feel it's safe. It is entirely their decision and that decision will be respected by the club and supported fully. Equally, if a coach does not feel ready to return at this stage, they are under no pressure to do so and under no obligation to provide training sessions at this stage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All player registrations updated and coaches aware of all health concerns and medical issues • Coaches to be inclusive where possible and to adapt sessions appropriately for all participants to be able to partake at social distance • No player at high risk to be involved with Contact Training unless specific guidance given and taken. • Equally, if a coach does not feel ready to return at this stage, they are under no pressure to do so and under no obligation to provide training sessions at this stage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular updates on player medical issues • Any identified issues please refer to Safeguarding Officer – Vicky Powell and Ben Bradley if relevant.
<p>Transport to and from site</p>	<p>All participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parents to drop off participants within the grounds of the club at a socially distanced manner. • Players to be advised that they should socially distance from other players when arriving and departing sessions • Training groups to be staggered with specific slots. Groups to have 15 minutes between each slot to allow for safe arrival and departure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear guidance and signage in place around the car park and on the way to the bottom field • Coaches to monitor arrival and departure of their groups • Adults and children should only travel with a member of their household or someone within their 'support bubble'. Please note that separated parents, living in different households and those in 'support bubbles' announced by Government on 10 June 2020, can also car share. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant monitoring and review by coaching staff. • Regular updates and communication with parents and carers. • Regular guidance and reminders given to all players (especially Foundation Stage years)

<p>Session Planning</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age-appropriate session should be implemented and clear planning to support and manage social distancing in place to support all participants especially in Foundation years ; • Areas marked out to support and manage social distancing • Covid-19 – follow Government Guidance re: group size; 		
<p>Breaks in Play</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During breaks in play, drinks breaks etc all participants to follow FA Guidance and social distance from each other 		
<p>Handling equipment and Footballs</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean equipment between uses: – Identify who will regularly maintain the equipment hygiene e.g. balls, cones, goalposts and bibs; – Thoroughly clean the equipment e.g. balls, cones, goalposts, etc.; – Bibs should not be used unless they can be washed between sessions • Limit sharing of equipment where possible: – Ensure equipment is handled as little as possible by as few people as possible; • Have strict hand hygiene: – If individuals are going to share equipment, including balls, always ensure the individuals’ hands are thoroughly cleansed using alcohol-based hand gel, if clean running water and soap are not available, before and after use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball handling should be kept to a minimum with most contact via a boot and the ball disinfected in breaks of play; • Equipment should not be shared, and goalkeepers should ensure they disinfect their gloves regularly in breaks in training or matches and thoroughly afterwards. Where possible, coaches should only handle equipment in training; 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH COVID-19 DURING A TRAINING SESSION? 		<p>responder should ideally wear: – Disposable gloves (single use); A face shield visor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a player gets injured, ideally a member of their household can aid them (a further benefit for parents to stay in cars during training sessions where players are under 18), but others will still need to socially distanced unless a life or limb-threatening injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care until the ambulance arrives. Separate the player immediately from the wider group. Determine if the players needs urgent medical attention and if so call for help (may include an ambulance) and manage any medical emergency including correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) If they are a child they should be taken home, or to seek medical attention if required, by a member of their household waiting in the car, and follow government guidance for symptoms of Covid-19. If they are an adult: – and symptoms are mild, advise them to return home and follow government guidance for symptoms of Covid-19. – if the symptoms are moderate-severe, 	<p>and the player and decide what level of care they feel is reasonable, or what level of care they are able to provide in the absence of PPE . This may include providing no assistance at all until the ambulance arrives or until appropriate PPE is made available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the NHS 111 website for further details on accessing medical care and when this is advisable If other players/coaches present have followed the social-distancing protocols, they need not follow any specific advice unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms they would then need to isolate as per Government guidance. 	
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		advise they do not drive, but get support from a household member to return home, they should not be taken home by someone who is not a member of their household/social bubble. They should then seek medical attention as appropriate.		
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Matchday procedures:

Home Teams

- Covid Screening carried out on the day of every match for all SWR players and coaches to be present at the game.
- Home spectators to scan the QR Code and record their attendance
- Coach to keep a record of players who played and ideally a quick not of own supporters in case systems break down or not completed.
- Parents/Guardians ideally advised to wait until kick off before entering 3G facility or taking pitch side position
- Home team spectators to be urged to stand at the half furthest from access points.

Away Teams

- Away team – opposition manager to provide a list of players/coaches present (Team sheet if applicable or electronic message preferred)
- Away team should have their own screening process in place for their club and members.
- QR Code to be highlighted and identified at each venue
- Away team and all spectators to be asked to scan the QR code for Track and Trace procedures
- Ideally an opposition coach to collate a quick list of their spectators.
- Away team spectators to take the half that is closest to the access/exit points.

Coaches:

- Sanitise all matchday equipment prior to commencing – balls, goalposts, corner flags and referee flag
- Referee flag to be provided by both home and away side
- Ball and goalposts sanitised at half time

- Sanitise all matchday equipment on conclusion of the game – balls, goalposts, corner flags and referee flag etc
- First Aid bag to include visor and rubber gloves

Tuck Shops:

- For the first two week of our return – NO TUCK SHOPS TO BE OPERATIONAL

Once reviewed and acceptable:

- Must be set up in an appropriate place that doesn't promote any difficulties with social distancing with queues etc blocking walkways/entrance/exits
- Management of queues is important but especially with younger players tendency to congregate to these at end of games!
- Serving at social distance
- Plenty of hand sanitiser available as money transfer involved