

Covid-19 - Latest Guidance (14th September)

As of 18th July, [the FA have introduced new guidelines around grassroots football](#). Coaches, players and parents should read these guidelines (linked to below) before organising or taking part in any football activity at Sherburn White Rose. It is each individual's responsibility to ensure they comply with the Covid-19 guidelines and to follow the latest government advice at all times.

Following the recent circumstances surrounding the positive tests for a number of our club players, we have reviewed all our risk assessments and processes.

Thank you for helping us get our players active again in the safest way possible.

Return to Play Checklist...

Before any teams return to contact training or matches, all coaches, parents and players should have actioned the below:

1. Make sure you have read the latest FA and government guidance

Please read [this page on the FA website](#) and download and read the below documents from the FA before attending or organising **any** football activity. All participants are expected to have read the guidelines and are responsible for ensuring they stick to them.

- [FA summary of latest guidelines](#)
- [SWR CSA Risk Assessment](#)
- [Detailed Covid-19 guidance on restarting grassroots football](#)
- [FA's FAQs on returning to football](#)
- [Government's return to team sports framework](#)
- [Latest government guidance on Covid-19](#)

2. Introduction of Covid-19 Screening (Google Forms) – COMPULSORY ACTION

To enable the club to return to training and matches, we have reviewed our processes and we have introduced a consistent and club wide format for the screening of players prior to taking part in any football activity under the auspices of Sherburn White Rose JFC.

It is now compulsory for all participants to have completed and submitted this form prior to every training session or match that your player is due to be involved with.

Unfortunately, no completion will mean

Your coach will send out the link to your team form on the day of every session or match.

Further to the recent circumstances surrounding the positive Covid-19 results within the club, we promised to look at ways in which we could improve our procedures to ensure that we have robust systems in place to do our utmost to safeguard all our young people.

As such we have also reviewed how we collate participant data to support any track and trace issues.

As a result, we have opted to have a club wide system for screening players before they attend any club related training sessions or matches. We have set up a Covid-19 Screening form (via Google Forms) and will be asking for a form to be completed on each day of every training session or matchday. This will be compulsory.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive a completed form prior to a given session or match, that player will not be allowed to take part. This will go live from Monday 21st September and your coach or selected administrator will send out a link on the day of every session for you to complete. Data will be kept on a rolling 21 day basis as per NHS Track and Trace guidance and will only be accessible to a nominated coach/team administrator and myself (Mick Hawes)

3. Read the below guidelines that are specific to our club...

In terms of the club's Covid-19 planning, as well as ensuring all coaches and participants stick to the latest FA and government guidance, we have the following restrictions in place that are specific to our setup:

- Every participant should be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitiser. It is their responsibility to ensure they mark it with their initials, that they store it with their other personal belongings, at least 2 metres away from anybody else's belongings and that they ensure they use it before and after sessions, as well as when their coach requests they use it during sessions.
- We recommend coaches place cones by the side of their training area or pitch, spaced at least 2 metres apart and assign each child a cone as they arrive, where they are asked to store their drinks bottle and any other personal equipment for the duration of the session. This ensures no congregating during drinks breaks and no mixing of personal items between participants.
- Coaches should keep a digital record of who attended **each** session, Remember to include officials and coaches in this and to consider **GDPR** and **safeguarding** guidance on the storage of data.

- Most training session slots will move to 3G at the High School or Pasture MUGA w/c 28th September. This causes congestion amongst start and finish times and the ability to have staggered starts or breaks between is very difficult. All training venues have a separate risk assessment and procedure in place. All participants are asked to leave promptly at the end of their session and to not arrive too early. There should be no loitering in the car park after sessions.
- For the first two weeks of training it would be advisable for sessions to be drop off only and if parents/guardians wish to remain close by, then to wait in their cars.
- Indoor facilities (clubhouse / toilets) for Junior sides will **not** be open at this time. Once we have the ability to ensure the usage and cleaning of any indoor facilities can be in line with government and FA guidance, we will open them in due course.
- The club have assigned Covid-19 Officers, in line with the FA guidance, who will be responsible for keeping our guidelines and communications around Covid-19 up to date. These are Ben Bradley (benlukebradley@gmail.com) and our Child Welfare Office, Vicky Powell (powell-swr@sky.com). Please e-mail them with any queries.
- Guidance is changing frequently. You should always adhere to the **latest** government guidance and if in doubt, err on the side of caution.

Recommended Timeline:

The below, phased return to football is being recommended by the FA...

Until 31 July

When ready, you can begin competitive training, with the overall group size (inclusive of coaches) being limited to 30 people.

From August

Competitive matches to begin, for example pre-season fixtures, festivals and small sided football competitions.

From September

Grassroots leagues, men's National League System, Women's Football Pyramid tiers 3 to 6, and FA Competitions can commence.

Risk Assessment:

Part of the FA's guidelines around returning to football were that we drew up a risk assessment around the potential risks and how we were ensuring those risks were reduced as much as possible.

Remember...

If you don't feel comfortable getting back on the pitch, there is absolutely no pressure to do so and the club fully supports every one of our member's right to choose when they return. Please follow your own instincts and make your child's coach aware if your son or daughter has any anxiety around returning to football or any health issues that might make it difficult for them to return at this time.

And finally, if you, or any member of your household is exhibiting any of the symptoms of Covid-19, or if you have been contacted by the government's track and trace scheme and told you need to self-isolate, please inform your coach, do not attend any football activity and follow government health guidance on what to do next.

Stay safe.