

To all SCJFC Parents & Carers – 20th July 2020

As you know we returned to training on 18th July following the existing FA Guidance. That very afternoon the FA updated the guidance so we have had to complete new Risk Assessments. These have now been approved and are available to view/download on the club website.

For parents and players the site specific access rules will remain the same.

The main changes are:

1. The numbers of players allowed has increased to 30 within one group.
2. Contact (i.e. tackling) is now permitted

Parents are now required to complete a consent form (via club website) which clears their child to be able to take part in contact training and matches.

It is important to note the return is totally voluntary and there is no pressure on any player to return to training if they choose not to. All of you are welcome to check the risk assessments and procedures we are implementing at any time as these have already been completed.

The FA guidance is very clear on the responsibility placed on the club, coaches and most importantly you as parents/carers during sessions to adhere to the guidance/rules. The club will require your full support during the coming months so please read the guidance carefully which is attached to this email or available on the club website in the COVID-19 page.

The guidance document covers a majority of the expectations however we do have some site-specific procedures which will need to be followed:

1. All parents/carers & players will follow the guidance issued or the club will not be able to allow you to remain on site.
2. All attendees (players) must be registered to attend with their relevant coach/manager no later than 48 hours prior to the session. This is key as the club need to know exact numbers and names to stay within our Risk Assessment Controls.

PLEASE NOTE – ANY PLAYER WHO IS NOT REGISTERED WITH THEIR COACH TO ATTEND TRAINING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SITE. PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR RELEVANT COACH OR MANAGER.

3. There will be specific access routes set up from the car park on Croft Road leading onto the sports field. We would encourage where possible players walk or cycle to the school to reduce the numbers of cars on site. The routes will be clearly marked and supervised on each session. The site map is available to view as part of our risk assessment on the website.

We have to insist that there are no cars parked on the residential side of Norris Road or Croft Road. There will be no access into the Norris Road entry which will be for coaches and committee only.

There will a specific bike area set up in the small playground next to the cabin for safe and secure storage.

4. We want players to arrive on site 5 minutes before their allocated session time which will allow the previous session to have exited the field and car park. **Early arrivals will not be permitted on site.**
5. Any child from U6-U11 age groups must have a parent stay on site
6. U12 – Youth players may be dropped off however we do encourage parents to stay
7. Players must bring their own, clearly labelled drinks bottle.
8. Players are encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer, there will be stations on site to support this.
9. Parents will observe the latest social distancing rules whilst on site (currently as per FA guidelines issued on 18th July – 2 metres)
10. At the end of the session parents and players must leave the site promptly by the marked exit routes in order for us to bring the next session in. Each training bubble will be released in order to avoid any congestion at the exit.
11. Toilets will remain closed – there will be no facilities on site (training only 45 minutes)
12. The Cabin will remain closed and will only act as the First Aid station
13. Additional waste bins will be provided on the fence line near the cabin all players/parents are responsible for clearing their own rubbish at the end of the session.

All these rules and details may seem daunting when you read them on paper but in practice the processes are straight forward. If everyone follows them, we will have no issues and we can focus on the kid's health, mental wellness and enjoyment (as well as us parents I suspect!).

If you have any question relating to the safety aspects, please refer these to Nigel Peacock.

Any ideas or feedback to do with football training please speak to Jamie Chapman.

Hoping to see you all soon!

Nigel Peacock

Club Welfare Officer