



Warndon Villages F.C. Development Centre

Return to Play Policy - Covid-19

Dear Parents/Guardian,

This document has been prepared to provide guidance for all parents/guardians, participants and coaches at Warndon Villages Football Development Centre in line with the COVID-19 recommendations provided by the government and The Football Association. This policy must be adhered to at all Warndon Village F.C. Development Centre (WVFC DC) coaching sessions to ensure safety during football activity.

Preparing to Play

- Hygiene - in line with recommended government advice all players should wash their hands both before and after activity. Players are advised do this at home before and after attending their WVFC DC coaching session.
- All players will need to sanitise their hands before entering the astro-turf/grass pitches or sportshall and when leaving the astro-turf/grass pitches or sportshall. Parents should bring their own santiser for their children.
- A parent/guardian must remain in sight of their child(ren) at all times whilst maintaining social distancing.
- If you are doing a passing drill only touch any of the balls with your feet. Allow Ben Robertshaw to collect all additional footballs, cones and equipment at the end of the session.
- Ensure water bottles are full on arrival. Players should place their water bottle at the side of the pitch and away from all other water bottles. Your child's water bottle should be clearly labelled with their name on and must not be shared with others.
- Toilets are available but both parents and children are advised to use toilet facilities at home before arriving. Players and parents may need to queue outside to gain access and they are then only available on a 1 out 1 in system.

Access

- Travel – Ensure you travel on your own or in your household group.
- Avoid using public transport.
- Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be there.
- Allow others to leave before you enter the pitch - if you need to wait then do so away from the pitch and clear of the gates. Follow one-way systems where they are in place.
- If there is a subsequent session on the astro-turf/sportshall, our WVFC DC session will finish five minutes early. This is to ensure we can leave the pitch before the end of our allotted time so that the space is empty for the next players.
- All players must arrive changed and ready to play. Changing facilities are not available.
- Do not congregate after playing.
- Access to facilities – no inside space (apart from toilets) will be available.
- Where possible avoid touching gates/fences/goals unless absolutely necessary.

Playing

- If more than one group of WVFC players are training, WVFC DC coaches will ensure there is sufficient space between groups. The aim will be to ensure groups have significant space at all times.
- All players must maintain social distancing before and after their coaching session with other players outside of your household group.
- Parents/Guardians must follow strict social distancing when spectating.

First Aid

- **A parent/guardian must stay for the duration of any WVFC DC coaching session their child(ren) attends.** If a player gets injured, the parent or member of their household must provide first aid to their child and will have access to the WVFC DC first aid bag. In the event that social distancing must be compromised to due to a life/limb threatening injury Ben Robertshaw is equipped with appropriate PPE equipment.

After Play

It is thoroughly recommended that any equipment your child uses should be disinfected between sessions.

Good hygiene practice should continue to be followed with equipment disinfected or left for 72 hours.

If you show symptoms of Covid-19 you should contact anyone you have been in contact with so they can self-isolate in line with government guidance.

Booking & Payment

- To ensure track and trace requirements can be easily fulfilled, parents must secure their child's place at an upcoming WVFC DC session by booking in advance. Ben Robertshaw will be keeping a register for each WVFC DC coaching session. Please text Ben Robertshaw on 07879 779569 to confirm your child(ren) would like to attend an upcoming session. Parents must secure their place at an WVFC DC coaching session by giving a minimum of 24 hours notice.
- Once you have made a request to attend an upcoming WVFC DC session, Ben will be in touch via text message or whatsapp message to confirm your booking and will provide details for parents to make a bank transfer payment for the upcoming session. No direct cash or cheque payments will be possible at WVFC DC coaching sessions.

Membership Renewal

At the point of lockdown on the 23rd March 2020, 14 WVFC DC coaching sessions from the 2019/2020 season were unfortunately cancelled. This means that all existing WVFC DC members from the 2019/2020 season will pay a registration fee for the 2020/21 season of only £6.50. New WVFC DC members will pay the full registration fee of £10.00 for the 2020/21 season.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child back at Warndon Villages Football Development Centre and endeavour to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for your child to play football in. Your support and understanding is appreciated in these challenging times.

Kind regards,

Ben Robertshaw

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