

Appendix 4 - COVID-19 Risk Assessment

29th March 2021

Group: The Brunswick Club – Football Training & Matches		Site: 34 Haldane Road, London, SW6 7EU & match day locations
People at Risk: Staff, Young People, Parents/Carers, Visitors		Additional Information: This risk assessment is for Covid-19 for football training and matches for children under 18 years only and should be read in conjunction with our standard risk assessments.
Date: 29 th March 2021	Roadmap out of lockdown: Step 1 – 29 March 2021	FA Guidance: www.thefa.com/news/2021/mar/24/fa-guidance-for-return-to-grassroots-football-20210324
Contact Person: Danny Volino	Job Title: Club Manager	To be reviewed: Weekly

Risk Evaluation

Hazard	Who	Initial Rating (L/M/H)	Control Measures	Final Rating (L/M/H)	Additional Action Required (action by whom and completion date)
What's the hazard?	Who might be harmed?	Low, Medium or High?	What measures will you put in place to reduce the risk identified?	How has this changed ?	What else can you do to minimise risk?
	Footballers under 18 years of age		Step 1 – 29 March 2021 The Government will also allow outdoor sports facilities to reopen, broadening the options for outdoor exercise and recreation. ... Formally organised outdoor sports - for adults and under 18s - can also restart and will not be subject to the gatherings limits, but should be compliant with guidance issued by national governing bodies. COVID-19 Response -Spring 2021		

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Covid 19	Staff (incl. volunteers) Children & Young People Parents & Carers Visitors to the premises	M	<p>All parents / carers to be advised:</p> <p>Any child planning to take part, or any person planning to accompany, observe, or collect any child taking part in football training or matches at The Brunswick Club, who is showing symptoms* of the virus, or has been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms of the virus within the last two weeks, MUST STAY AT HOME until an NHS practitioner advises them they no longer need to remain in isolation.</p> <p>In addition, any participants who have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace because they are a contact of a known Covid-19 case, must not exercise outside their home or garden and must not exercise with others.</p> <p>Spectators should be limited to one parent or carer per child.</p>	L	<p>*Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high temperature (above 37.8°C); • A new, continuous cough; • A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.
		M	<p>NHS Test & Trace</p> <p>To support NHS test and trace efforts, names and contact information on participants at both training and matches will be collected and stored in accordance with The Brunswick Club's Data Protection Policy*.</p> <p>Arrival</p> <p>Training times and match day meeting times will be staggered to minimise the risk of children, young people and their parents/carers unnecessarily congregating at the entrances to the Club.</p>	L	<p>*The Brunswick Club's Data Protection Policy is available to view on our website.</p>

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		M	<p>The changing room will be closed. Players should come to training and matches already changed and ready to play. Players will be advised where they should wait for their training session to start / before they board the minibus for matches. Where possible, this will be outside. Where not possible, it will be in a room within the Club where 1 metre+ social distancing can be maintained.</p> <p>Toilets will be open.</p> <p>Travel to the Club All participants and other attendees should follow best practice for travel, including minimising use of public transport. They should walk or cycle if possible. People from a household or support bubble can travel together in a vehicle.</p> <p>Travel to matches Where possible, parents / carers should take their children to matches in their own vehicles. Where not possible, we will take children to matches in a minibus, observing the following safety precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver and passengers to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds, or sanitise their hands, before entering or re-entering the minibus. • Driver and all passengers to wear face coverings. • Driver to ensure seating arrangements maximise distance between passengers. • Windows to be open for ventilation. 	L	

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		M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver and all passengers to sanitise their hands when leaving the minibus to play their match. • When returning to the Club, driver and all passengers should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds or sanitise their hands as soon as possible. • The minibus shall be cleaned between journeys using standard cleaning products – including door handles and other areas that people may touch more frequently. <p>Training & Matches Following FA guidance, competitive training can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting.</p> <p>The sharing of equipment must be avoided where possible. Where equipment is shared, equipment must be cleaned before use by another person.</p> <p>Where there are breaks in training or matches, if throw-ins or handling has occurred, the ball should be disinfected.</p> <p>If possible, players should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other during, before and after training and matches.</p> <p>Everyone should refrain from spitting. If you need to sneeze or cough, you are encouraged to do so into a tissue or upper sleeve and advised to avoid touching your face.</p>	L	

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		M	<p>If a participant gets injured, a member of their household can assist if present and appropriate, but others (including match officials and teammates and coaches) will still need to socially distance unless a life- or limb-threatening injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care.</p> <p>Spectators should be limited to one parent or carer per child who should remain socially distanced whilst attending, in discrete six-person gathering limits, in line with wider Government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes.</p> <p>Matches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In competitive football activities the Covid-19 Officer of each club must ensure a safety briefing is provided before the commencement of any fixture. This briefing will remind both sets of players and officials about their responsibilities in complying with the Code of Behaviour (attached) • Pre-match handshake should not happen. Instead players will be asked to hand-sanitise before kick-off; • Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible; • Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing; • Social-distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made; • Set plays – referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and 	L	

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		M	<p>not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal posts should be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half time. • Goal celebrations should be avoided; • Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing; • Spectators should be limited to one parent or carer per child and should remain socially distanced whilst attending, in discrete six-person gathering limits, in line with wider Government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes. <p>At The Brunswick Club</p> <p><u>Handwashing</u></p> <p>Handwashing facilities with soap and water in place.</p> <p>Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available.</p> <p>Drying of hands with electronic dryers or disposable paper towels.</p> <p>Signs advising all Club users and visitors to regularly wash / sanitise hands.</p> <p>Posters displayed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct hand-washing techniques • Catch it, Bin it, Kill it • Need to avoid touching face with unclean hands 	L	<p>All staff, children and young people to undertake hand hygiene training.</p> <p>Regular hand washing breaks during / between activities.</p>
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		M	<p><u>Cleaning</u></p> <p>Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, activity areas, equipment using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p>	L	<p>Staff to be trained in appropriate cleaning methods.</p> <p>Cleaning rotas to be drawn up.</p> <p>Manager to ensure necessary procedures are being followed.</p>
		M	<p><u>Social distancing</u></p> <p>Social distancing measures will be observed in line with government advice.</p> <p>Posters and signs on current social distancing rules to be placed within & outside the premises</p> <p>Equipment / activities / work stations to be laid out in accordance with social distance guidelines</p> <p>Where appropriate, social distance markers to be used (eg outside entrance door, queue for toilets, etc)</p>	L	
		M	<p><u>Face Coverings</u></p> <p>Face coverings will be worn by all, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people aged 10yrs (up to the day before their 11th birthday) or under • All outdoor activities are exempt, although you should wear a face covering if social distancing is not possible • When eating or drinking (although when preparing food they should be worn) • Playing team sports in large open indoor spaces (sports hall) 	L	<p>In England, face coverings are now required by law to be worn in most indoor public settings, including youth centres.</p> <p>What counts as a face covering?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cloth face covering • Medical mask • Plastic face shield <p>Face masks will be provided for all staff, young people & visitors who request them.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who are exempt and unable to wear a covering. <p>Face coverings must be worn when using public transport and in the minibus.</p> <p>Signs will be posted to remind people to wear face coverings</p>		
<p>People who are at higher risk from Covid-19</p>	<p>People at high risk (clinically extremely vulnerable)</p> <p>People at moderate risk (clinically vulnerable) including very obese people and pregnant women</p> <p>Other things that can affect risk include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> age – risk increases as you get older where you live – the risk is higher in poorer areas being from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background <p>People that live with people at higher risk</p>	<p>H</p> <p>M</p>	<p><u>People at higher risk</u></p> <p>It is essential to be aware of who these individuals are (whether staff, volunteers or children and young people) and to agree what steps need to be taken to mitigate the risk.</p> <p>They should be offered the option of the safest available on-site roles/activities, enabling them to stay socially distanced from others.</p> <p>If there are times they can't be socially distanced from others, you should carefully assess and agree with them whether this involves an acceptable level of risk.</p> <p>You must consider specific activities for those with protected characteristics, e.g. expectant mothers.</p> <p>Particular attention should also be paid to people who live with clinically extremely vulnerable individuals.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>L</p>	<p>The manager must identify anyone at higher risk and agree with them what course of action can be taken to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.</p>

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Symptoms of Covid-19	All		<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u></p> <p>If anyone becomes unwell in the Club, with a new continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of taste and smell, they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance.</p> <p>If advised that a member of staff, a child or young person, or a visitor has developed Covid-19 and were recently on the Club premises, the manager will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.</p> <p>When delivering activities in “bubbles”: should any member of a bubble become unwell, all members of the bubble should contact NHS Test and Trace. All members of the bubble (including leaders / visitors) should also be suspended from attendance and requested to self-isolate for 10 days.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>		<p>All staff, young people, parents/carers and potential visitors to be advised not to come to the Club if they or a member of their household has symptoms of Coronavirus, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature • a new, continuous cough • a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste <p>The manager will offer support to staff and members who are affected by Coronavirus or have a family member affected.</p>
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Staff		<p><u>Mental Health & Wellbeing</u></p> <p>The manager will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help</p> <p>Reference:-</p> <p>https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/</p> <p>www.hseni.gov.uk/stress</p>		<p>Regular communication of mental health information and open door policy for those who need additional support.</p>

COVID-19 IS A HIGHLY INFECTIOUS AND DANGEROUS DISEASE. EVERY PARTICIPANT MUST FOLLOW ALL FA AND GOVERNMENT ADVICE. THIS IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE GAME, AND SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY. ANY INCIDENTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE WILL BE REPORTED TO THE RELEVANT COUNTY FA FOR ACTION.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

A resumption of contact play is only achievable if those involved create and maintain a controlled environment that minimises the threat of infection.

Risk in sport cannot be completely eradicated but with caution and care these risks can be reduced.

Each player will need to decide when to return to contact football, based on their own circumstances and the arrangements that have been put in place for a safe return. This is particularly the case for players from BAME communities or those with underlying health conditions.

All those returning to competitive grassroots football must adopt the following code of behaviour:

- **Be aware of your own personal health.** If you show any of the Covid-19 symptoms you must stay at home, inform NHS Test and Trace and seek medical advice.
- **Be responsible.** Read the guidance provided by The FA and by your club so that you are aware of the changes to the game and what is expected of you. This will include things like being prepared to wash your own kit, bringing your own labelled water bottle and being aware of changes to meet-up times.
- **Practise good hygiene.** Wash your hands regularly and before, during and after a game.
- **Maintain social distancing.** This won't always be possible in a competitive match environment (for example when tackling an opponent) and that is acceptable. However, before, and after a game you should maintain social distancing.
- **Face coverings.** Unless you have an exemption, face coverings are mandatory for all staff in retail/hospitality outlets (e.g. a clubhouse). This also applies to users of the facility, except when seated at a table to eat or drink.
- **Support NHS Test and Trace.** You will be asked to provide your details so that in the event of a Covid-19 outbreak those potentially infected can be traced. This is to everyone's benefit so please co-operate.
- **Do not spit.** Spitting and the rinsing out of mouths is now a recognised risk to health and must not be done. Avoid shouting or raising your voice if face to face with other players.
- **After the game.** Be aware that other users may be waiting to use the facilities. Follow all advice if using changing rooms and showers.