



Drayton Grange Football Club

Supporting Youth Football in Daventry Town since 1976

COVID-19 Match Day Briefing Sheet

Drayton Grange FC would like to assure you that players, coaches, club & match officials, volunteers and spectators safety is our up most priority during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Drayton Grange FC would like you to share this document with anyone likely to attend our home grounds and encourage everyone to adhere to the conditions outlined as follows:

1) Opposition coach is responsible for ensuring their players, Parents/Guardians, spectators, club officials and volunteers are aware of the rules and guidance outlined in the FA and general Government Guidance in relation to recreational sport.

2) Coaches/managers must adhere to the rules and guidance set out by the FA (see attached) and those imposed by Drayton Grange FC. This includes but not limited to: no more than 30 players including the coaches participating in competitive training/matches, all spectators, volunteers, club & match officials **must** maintain social distancing.

3) If a player, coach, club & match official, spectator, volunteer or member of their household or someone they have been in contact with is symptomatic with a possible COVID-19 infection or if you or the player is classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the guidance is that you should remain at home.

Covid-19 Symptoms are:

- A high Temperature (above 37.8°C)
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

4) To ensure the safety of everyone, all attendees shall have thoroughly washed his/hers hands and used hand sanitiser prior to arriving at the ground and on leaving the ground.

(Please note that there are no toilet or handwashing facilities at the ground, please ensure everyone has visited the bathroom before leaving for the ground)

5) To ensure that the car parks are managed in a manner to comply with social distancing measures, Drayton Grange FC requests that you DO NOT arrive at the ground any earlier than 30 mins prior to the start of the match. If you have arrived early please ensure you wait elsewhere.

6) Social Distancing shall be maintained by all on arrival, during the match including any breaks and on leaving, please ensure that all attendees **DO NOT** congregate.

7) Coaches/Managers of the opposition team will be required to confirm that they have a suitable method of recording attendees from their team to ensure compliance with the Governments NHS Test & Trace.

Any question please do not hesitate to contact the Drayton Grange FC coach/manager or myself.

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RE-STARTING OUTDOOR COMPETITIVE GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL – SUMMARY

COVID-19 GUIDANCE



FOR CLUBS, PLAYERS, COACHES, CLUB OFFICIALS, CLUB WELFARE OFFICERS, MATCH OFFICIALS, LEAGUE OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS/CARERS SPECTATORS AND FOOTBALL FACILITY PROVIDERS – Published: 18 July 2020

This document outlines actions to be taken before, during and after all competitive grassroots football activity in England. It should be read in conjunction with the latest UK Government Covid-19 guidance available [here](#) and the more detailed guidance document produced by The FA, available [here](#).

In outdoor competitive training and matches, physical contact is now allowed, but for all other activity (e.g. warm-ups/cool-downs) the Government guidance on social distancing should be observed, read [here](#).

Should Government guidance change in response to the current Covid-19 Alert Level, The FA guidance will be updated accordingly.

BEFORE ACTIVITY

- Everyone should self-assess for **Covid-19 symptoms** before every training session or match. If you are symptomatic or living in a household with possible or actual Covid-19 infection you must not participate or attend. You should stay home and follow the latest **Government guidance**.
- Clubs/facility providers should appoint a Covid-19 officer and conduct a thorough **risk assessment** before re-opening or re-starting competitive activity. They should also follow current **"NHS test and trace"** protocols, such as keeping an attendance register.
- Personal hygiene measures should be carried out by everyone and hand sanitisers brought and used at the training/match venue.
- The sharing of kit and equipment should be avoided, but where equipment is shared, it must be cleaned before use by another person.
- Goal posts and corner poles should be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half time.
- Follow Government guidance for travel, including minimising use of public transport.
- Active participants should arrive changed and ready to take part.
- Youth team coaches should re-acquaint themselves with all safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Meet-up times should be adjusted to avoid time spent congregating at a venue.
- Use of clubhouses, hospitality facilities, changing rooms and toilets must adhere to **Government guidance**.

Anyone who is deemed vulnerable in respect of Covid-19 is reminded to follow the Government's guidance, only returning to football when it's right for them to do so.

DURING TRAINING & MATCH PLAY

- Competitive training can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting provided this takes place in groups of no more than 30 (including coaches).
- Competitive match play is permitted, with social distancing in place before and after the session, and in any breaks in play.
- The sharing of kit and equipment should be avoided and participants should bring their own drinks or refreshments, in named containers.
- When the ball goes out of play, it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be retrieved using the feet rather than the hands where possible.
- Participants must not spit and should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other, as detailed in The FA Covid-19 Code of Behaviour.
- Set plays; players are encouraged to avoid unnecessarily long set-up or close marking. Other modifications apply to specific situations, such as goal celebrations being discouraged. Read more in The FA's more detailed guidance [here](#).
- Youth football coaches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play and training.
- Observing rigorous hygiene standards, injuries can be treated. See full guidance [here](#).
- Spectator groups should be limited to six people per group and spread out in line with wider **Government guidance**.
- Match fee payments should be cashless – consider using **The FA Matchday App**.
- Small-sided football should include more regular hygiene breaks in activity and players discouraged from touching or tackling against boards.

AFTER ACTIVITY

- Hands should be washed at the earliest opportunity and personal equipment should be wiped down with a disinfectant.
- Unless absolutely necessary, participants should take their kit home and wash it themselves, or by family members. Post-activity showers should be taken at home.
- Everyone must continue to maintain **social distancing** including in any facilities where groups of people congregate (e.g. clubhouses).
- Everyone should leave following the traffic-flow system the club or facility provider has put place.
- Anyone who becomes infected after training/matches should report this to the **NHS test and trace system**.

DISCLAIMER:

This guidance is for general information only and does not constitute legal advice, nor is it a replacement for such, nor does it replace any Government or PHE advice; nor does it provide any specific commentary or advice on health-related issues. Affected organisations should therefore ensure that they seek independent advice from medical practitioners, or healthcare providers, prior to implementing any re-opening plan, as required. Independent legal advice

should be sought, as required and depending on your, or relevant circumstances. While efforts have been taken to ensure the accuracy of this information at the time of publication, the reader is reminded to check the Government website to obtain the most up-to-date information regarding social distancing and any other Government measures.

THANK YOU! NOW LET'S GET OUR GREAT GAME GOING AGAIN – SAFELY.