



## **Bluntisham Blasters Football Club – COVID-19 match and training protocols**

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BBFC have completed a risk assessment and applied both Government and FA guidance to allow training sessions and matches from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **NHS Test and Trace**

BBFC invite and encourage all players, officials and spectators to check in on the NHS Covid-19 app when visiting Bluntisham Parish playing fields. You will find the QR code to scan at the canteen or with managers.

### **Suspected symptoms**

All persons (defined as, but not exclusive to, a coach, manager, player, parent, carer or other spectator) attending training sessions and matches will be asked to carry out a COVID-19 self-assessment prior to leaving home.

If the attendee shows any symptoms, such as high temperature e.g. a new continuous cough, loss of smell and taste, they will be requested, along with any other household members, not to attend and follow Government guidelines.

Managers/coaches will have the right to ask anyone showing symptoms to return home.

### **Travelling**

Travel to matches and training should be by individual families or social bubble.

Where training sessions and matches take place at the BBFC home ground, teams will be requested to park at one of the two designated car parks and will be informed which pitch they are playing on prior to the match.

Matches and training sessions will be spread out as much as possible to avoid over congestion on the field.

### **Home Ground Facilities**

Players and officials are instructed to arrive changed into their kits. No changing rooms will be available.

Notice board(s) will be placed at entry points to the ground to remind spectators to observe social distancing at all times.

Toilet facilities will be available 30 mins before and after matches, with a one in, one out system. Hand sanitiser will be placed at the entrance.



Toilets will be sanitised before and after use. Anti-bacterial wipes, spray and disposable gloves will be kept in the toilet block, clearly marked, for ease of use.

There will be no toilet facilities available for training sessions.

### **Training Sessions and Matches**

On arrival, players and managers/coaches will need to use hand sanitiser and players will be reminded to observe social distancing whilst not playing.

#### **Players must provide their own sanitiser**

Social distancing should be observed by spectators in line with current Government guidance. **Up until 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 only one parent/guardian is permitted to attend training and games. From 12<sup>th</sup> April Socially-distanced spectators permitted - in accordance with Government guidelines.**

Players and coaches should not spit and keep shouting to a minimum. Goal celebrations should be kept to a minimum.

Handling of the ball should be kept to a minimum and the ball wiped with antibacterial wipes/spray as often as possible.

If the football goes out of play, and is retrieved by a spectator, they should only use their feet not hands.

In the event of an injury, all first aid kits have PPE equipment which must be used by the qualified team first aider.

Each player and manager/coach will be requested to bring their own water bottles. No sharing of snacks.

After each training session and match, all equipment should be wiped with antibacterial wipes or spray. Bibs, where used, must only be worn once and not passed around to other players to use. These must be laundered immediately after use.

### **Additional Match Day requirements**

Both teams will be requested to maintain a record of players and spectators attending for a period of 21 days, following the day of the match, in line with the guidance by NHS Test and Trace. The opposition will be contacted by the home club if this is requested within 22 days of the match day.

The Respect Handshake will not take place.

Team talks should be spread out and not in a huddle. Social distancing should be adhered to in the technical area, during a break in play, half time and after the game.

#### **Other Important Dates**

**From 12<sup>th</sup> April: (No earlier) -Outdoor food and drink allowed – following the rule of six or two households.**

**Changing rooms can be used – following strict Covid-19 protocols.**

**From 21<sup>st</sup> June (No earlier) - No legal limits on gathering. Larger events allowed.**