



FA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

COVID-19 is a highly infectious and dangerous disease. 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 parent/carer will need to decide when their child is ready to return to contact football, as will each coach, 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 or sanitise regularly and before, during and after a game.
- **Where possible maintain social distancing.** This will not 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.
- **Support NHS Test and Trace.** You are likely to 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 everybody's benefit so please cooperate.
- **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. Changing rooms and showers are likely to be closed and any socialising must follow the Government's guidance on social distancing.