

## 4.0 Outdoor Session Delivery

Competitive training is now permitted, with groups limited to a maximum of 30 people, including coaches. Competitive match play is permitted, with social distancing in place before and after the match, and in any breaks in play. With this in mind, the following advice should be followed:

### 4.01 Face Coverings

All staff members are requested to wear the WFCCP issued face coverings at all times, when delivering a session. The face covering should be pulled up above the face and nose when working closely to parents/participants. This includes dealing with injuries.

Participants advised to bring their own face coverings with their name/initials on them (optional). WFCCP will have a supply of face coverings available for purchase, prior to sessions, at a cost of £5 each.

### 4.02 Sanitiser Stations

Two Sanitiser Stations will be made available on the Astro Turf. These will be placed at the entrance and exit of the pitch. Coaches and participants are requested to use these stations each time they enter or exit the pitch.

Participants are required to bring their own sanitiser and name/initial their bottle.

### 4.03 Equipment

Coaches and players are encouraged to not unnecessarily handle equipment during sessions and to use their feet as much as possible. All equipment will be cleaned after each session. Equipment should be used sparingly in sessions without affecting the quality of delivery.

At the end of every session, and main breaks in sessions, the equipment should be sanitised. Bibs should be washed after use. It is important that equipment is not shared between groups and players/coaches fetch stray footballs for their group. Passing stray footballs back to other groups should be done by feet only.

Goalposts should be sanitised before sessions, half way through sessions and at the end of each session. Goalkeepers are encouraged to sanitise their gloves during breaks in sessions.

### 4.04 Changing Rooms and Clothing

Participants are to arrive in appropriate clothing/footwear ready to play. They are to meet directly on the AstroTurf as changing rooms will not be open. All clothes and personal items **MUST BE NAMED** and lost property will not be kept by the Club/Community Department. It will be disposed of at the end of every day/session. Coaches must do their best to remind players to collect all belongings at all break times and the end of each session.

All clothes/personal items to be **KEPT IN A BAG** and stored by their area of the pitch. Parents/participants should consider that the clothing and bags should be suitable for inclement weather, although coaches will do their best to place these bags in covered areas, where available.

#### **4.05 Group “Bubbles”**

Groups will work in a bubble which includes the same participants and coach, where this is possible. Changes to the bubble will be kept to a minimum and each bubble will remain socially distanced from other bubbles at every opportunity.

#### **4.06 Toilet Breaks, Water Breaks and Lunch Breaks**

##### *Toilet Breaks*

First and foremost, we encourage participants to use toilets at home, prior to sessions. Appropriate breaks will be given, in sessions that last longer than an hour, for group bubbles to use toilet facilities.

Using a toilet will operate on a “1 in, 1 out” policy to comply with social distancing. Toilets will be sanitised regularly and these breaks will be staggered. Participants who are “desperate” for the toilet will be given the opportunity to use toilets as safely as possible. Participants and coaches must wash hands after using the toilet and follow Government guidelines to ensure this is done correctly.

##### *Water Breaks*

Staff and participants are encouraged to bring water or squash based drinks for during sessions. Participants should ensure that they have enough refreshment for the duration of the session they are attending. Glass bottles and cans are discouraged, as are fizzy drinks.

WFCCP staff will not be permitted to fill participant drinks for them.

Drinks bottles should be named. They will be kept pitch side, during sessions, and spread out to maintain social distancing as best as possible.

##### *Lunch Breaks*

Staggered lunch break will be scheduled during sessions that last a day. Bubbles of 15, plus a coach, will be taken at intervals to eat lunch. Socially distanced indoor areas will be made available and the appropriate time given for participants and coaches to eat and use the toilet. Hand washing will also be encouraged during this time. Lunch rooms will be sanitised between use for each bubble group and staff will be allocated to manage this process.

#### **4.07 Underlying Health Issues of Participants**

It is the responsibility of the parents and/or participants to notify WFCCP of an underlying health conditions they may have, prior to taking part in activities. This is a safeguarding measure to ensure that the health and well-being of all participants can be managed correctly.

There is space on the consent forms for parents and/or participants to enter this information. All information is used appropriately and is stored safely, in accordance with GDPR guidelines.

#### **4.08 Consent Forms and Registers**

Consent forms for all participants must be completed and signed prior to the start of sessions. The consent forms will cover all aspects of information that WFCCP need to ensure the safeguarding of



participants. The consent forms will cover a signed declaration that participants, or parents of participants, are satisfied that sessions are Covid compliant and that they are happy to participate.

The details of the consent forms will then be transferred to comprehensive registers that will be used to manage the group bubbles and ensure safeguarding of the participants. All information is used appropriately and is stored safely, in accordance with GDPR guidelines. These registers will also be used for track and trace purposes, should the need arise.

#### **4.09 Arrival of Participants, Drop Off Zones and One Way Systems**

Designated drop off zones will be allocated for participants to arrive. The “Red Car Park”, at The Banks’s Stadium, is the only car park that participants should arrive to as the drop off zone. Cars should park one space apart, where possible, and use the full extent of the car park. Car parking bays should be used and roadways kept clear at all times.

Cars **MUST NOT** park on the road (Dale Road) leading from Bescot Crescent to the Red Car Park and Retail Park. Double yellow lines are in operation.

Participants should then make their way, safely and observing 1m distances, to the astroturf. They should walk past the Walsall FC Club Shop, beyond the Savoy Entrance and under the stand toward the AstroTurf entrance. Only participants and staff are permitted to walk the stairs up to the AstroTurf. Participants should then make their way, directly, to their designated coach and coaching area. Staff will be on hand to safely greet and organise participants.

The exit for the AstroTurf will be through the back gate, AT ALL TIMES. Coaches will escort players through this one way system to leave the pitch for breaks or the end of the sessions.

At the end of the session, coaches will escort participants to a pedestrian gate at the side of the AstroTurf nearest the Retail Park. Where necessary, parents can meet participants beyond this gate and safely in an area of Dale Road. All people should be aware of any traffic, although this is minimal traffic as Dale Road is a dead end.

Staff will then sign the participants out of the session when they are met by parents, or leaving by their own accord. Participants should then walk down the path of Dale Road to their cars. They **MUST NOT** walk towards the stadium until they are beyond the Club Shop. This will ensure safe socially distancing for any other participants that are arriving for the next session.

Please observe the government guidelines for social distancing when arriving and leaving sessions. Late Collection of participants will be handled via our Late Collection Policy however, we encourage parents (where necessary) to be prompt at the beginning and end of each day. Parents running late are asked to contact WFCP to explain their situation and players will be supervised, safely, by staff until collected.

Please refer to the arrival map to fully understand the one way system.

#### **4.10 General Hygiene and Other Safety Measures**

##### *Temperature Check*

All staff and participants will have their temperature taken on arrival. They will also be screened for any symptoms of fever, cough, loss of taste/smell, shortness of breath.



If positive or temp >37.8 we will not allow entry to the session and we will ask you to self isolate and book a Covid 19 Test through the <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/test-type>

### *Spitting*

Staff and participants must not spit at any time during the session.

### *Goal Celebrations and Contact in Sessions*

Goal celebrations should be avoided, as should all unnecessary close contact during sessions. Staff will be encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants during match play and training.

### **4.11 Participants or Staff that show symptoms of Covid-19**

Parents, staff and/or Participants **MUST** notify WFCCP immediately if they show any symptoms of Covid-19.

If you are symptomatic or living in a household with possible or actual COVID-19 infection you must not participate or attend.

Should a case of Covid-19 be reported, bubble groups will be notified (Track & Trace) if they have been in contact with anyone notifying WFCCP of symptoms and will be recommending 14 day isolation as per government advice.

### **4.12 Other Guidance and Measures**

Wherever possible and appropriate, WFCCP will continue to follow all ongoing guidance from government and governing bodies for sport and activity. This document will be edited accordingly when new advice is issued. WFCCP will also consider any other safety compliance that is deemed possible and appropriate. The following links show the extra guidance that WFCCP will use to establish a safe environment for everyone to enjoy their sessions:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<http://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grassroots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england-170720>

<http://www.thefa.com/-/media/thefacom-new/files/get-involved/2020/detailed-covid-19-guidance-on-re-starting-competitive-grassroots-football.ashx?la=en>