

## **Code of Conduct (incl. Covid-19 Requirements) 2020/21 Season**

### **RETURN TO FOOTBALL**

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 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.

**If you choose for your child to take part, you will need to give your consent to the club. Ensure you are comfortable with the club's Covid-19 planning arrangements before doing so.**

**Please ensure you have read:**

- **Princes Villa Planning Arrangements**

This document can be located at **Princesvilla.com** under the header **COVID-19**. This document will change / as the guidelines change. Your consent will cover any future changes until withdrawn. For any major amendments – communication will be made via your team coach / social media. We will explain what has changed – you will be able to continue to view the latest version on the website.

- By clicking you consent for your child to take part in football matches/ training, you are confirming that you have read and understood the activities being offered to your child and agree with the measures the club has put in place to manage any risks, including its Covid-19 measures in line with current Government guidance.

If your child has any specific medical conditions, please ensure that you discuss these with the club welfare officer and or coach and agree the best way to support your child's needs e.g. you staying to watch nearby and taking responsibility to administer the medication.

**Players Name:**

**Parent/ Guardian Name**

**Parent/ Guardian Signature**

Date: 26/07/2020

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### PLAYER SECTION

When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Listen and respond to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the Club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Wear the appropriate clothing and footwear for the surface.
- Wear shin pads at training and matches (**NO** shin pads – no participation)
- Bring a drink
- Not swear, name call or make any racist remark.
- Inform my coach as soon as possible if I'm going to be absent or late.
- Turn up at Training and Matches at the time given by my coach.

Additional COVID Code of Conduct that must be adhered to by every Player:

- Players **MUST COMPLETE SELF ASSESSMENT FOR COVID-19** before every training session and match.
- Players may be sent home by coaches if they believe they are unwell at training or matches. Princes Villa officials / coaches may take on site temperature checks of the players.
- Players agree to NHS Test and Trace if they have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive following football activity.
- Players will be given a kit and bib for the season – this is yours to take home and wash. Please put your name in the bib and any training tops.
- Players **MUST** arrive at training or matches ready to play.
- There will be **NO** hand-shakes pre or post training/ match with any other person.
- Each player **MUST** have their own drinks bottle labelled with their name on.
- Each player **MUST** bring their own hand sanitiser labelled with their name on – PLAYERS will be asked to sanitise their hands before kick-off.
- Players must not **SPIT**
- Players **MUST** observe social distancing guidelines:
  - Before and after training / matches
  - When there are breaks in play
  - completing warm-ups/ cool down
  - when stood on the touchline as a substitute
  - celebrating a goal
  - interacting with referees and match assistants
- **NO** sharing of any personal belongs – this includes but is not limited to drinks, kit (including bib), goal keeper gloves, shin pads, hand sanitiser etc.
- If you have been to or stopped in a country that's not on the travel corridor list you will have to self-isolate until 14 days have passed since you left that country, you should not come to training/ matches during that period.



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Every player **MUST** self-screen prior to arrival at training /matches to ensure they do not have any of the following symptoms (confirmed by a parent for those under age 18), as these are potential indicators of Covid-19 infection.

- A high temperature (above 37.8°C)
- A new continuous cough
- Shortness of breath
- A sore throat
- Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell
- Feeling generally unwell
- Been in close contact with / living with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous two weeks.

If a player answers **YES** to any of these questions they should inform their coach and not travel to training / matches and follow all applicable Government Guidance.

**As a player I understand that if I do not follow the code (incl. COVID-19 requirements), any / all of the following actions may be taken by my club, county FA or the FA:**

I MAY:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team coach
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club

IN ADDITION:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against me, my team, my club.
- You will be liable for the return of any club kit upon leaving Princes Villa – you may incur a cost if this is not returned.
- You may be liable for any fines received.

By clicking you consent to adhere to the Players Code of Conduct and additional COVID-19 requirements

Players Signature:

Date:

26/07/2020

Additional requirement for parents of players (aged u18):

By clicking you consent to discuss the requirements with your child and make them aware they must maintain social distancing when appropriate. If I have any questions, am unsure of what to do or see a problem, I will raise them with the coach leading the training session. (Coaches will assist to remind players of the new requirements).

By clicking you consent to self-screen your child before every training session/ match in accordance with the COVID-19 symptoms listed above.

Parent /Guardian Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:

26 July 2020

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### **SPECTATORS AND PARENTS/ CARERS SECTION**

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times

- Remember that children play for FUN. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

#### Additional COVID Code of Conduct Guidelines

- Any spectators at training sessions/ matches (including parents and carers) must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes.
- At sites for training/matches please respect where provided – signage, one-way systems, segregated parking, social distancing.
- If you have been in close contact with / living with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous two weeks. Please STAY AT HOME – in line with Government Guidelines.
- Please only arrive at sites at the set time for training/ matches as instructed by coaches. Please leave the site as soon as the training / match has concluded ensuring social distancing.
- Please ensure your child has taken all their belongings home after training / matches. Drinks bottles / hand sanitiser left – will be disposed of.
- Please follow FA Guidelines – when travelling to and from training and matches (This will be available at PrincesVilla.com – under the header COVID-19).
- If you have been to or stopped in a country that's not on the travel corridor list you will have to self-isolate until 14 days have passed since you left that country, you should not come to training/ matches during that period.



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**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:**

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club (coach or club committee)
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club
- You may be liable for any fines received.



By clicking you consent to adhere to the Spectators and Parents/ Carers Code of Conduct and additional COVID-19 requirements and any additional parent/ guardian / carer who may bring/ watch your child at football training /matches.

Parent/ Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date: 26/07/2020