

Guide for players & parents – COVID-19 SAFETY – REVISED JULY 18th (to include site access for parents/family members)

Return to Football – Step 1

We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford City Football Club. Since the launch of the June guidance from The FA we have been closely following guidelines for sports clubs and can allow small group training. Our priority is ensuring the safety of players and staff throughout. This means there are restrictions on how we can operate during this time.

We hope players enjoy the sessions and that they also provide some positivity of returning to a football setting.

Please read on for important notes that must be read and adhered to enable a safe return for all.

Session times

Please make a note of the time of your session. In order to support social distancing for everyone, including our staff, it is essential that you adhere to the specified times. If you arrive early, please remain in your car until a few minutes before your session time. We are operating staggered entry and sessions times and to enable this to work effectively we are unable to permit players/coaches/parents earlier than the allotted start time.

On arrival please note the one-way flow in operation, clearly marked with signage.

From July 18th and when our café and bar is open, we can welcome parents and family members into the site providing that social distancing is adhered to at all times.

Parents are permitted to stay on site within our food and drink area, adjacent to the stadium pitch.

Pitch side spectating or viewing from the stands is not permitted at this time.

Food and drink areas are marked out in line with social distancing and tables are cleaned regularly.

You will be asked to provide your telephone number and email address on arrival in order for us to participate effectively in the test and trace system.

The use of toilets is permitted for players/parents/family members from July 18th. Please take note of which toilets are available for use.

Our indoor buildings are closed to the public, access is for staff only. Our staff also access separate toilets.

On entry to the site and seating areas we ask that everybody applies antibacterial hand gel as provided at our sanitiser stations.

Players attending a session should carry their own drink into the ground and into their session.

Important details to note

Entrances and exits will be clearly marked with signage and two metre floor markers will be in place at all waiting/queuing areas.

Players should arrive wearing boots and shin pads.

Parents must NOT park in the three rows of the car park closest to the entrance of The Community Arena nor in the car park that sits behind the clubhouse. (barriers are in place so please do pay close attention)

Players may wear face masks and/or gloves however masks should be removed when active in the session.

In session

Our coaches will be wearing gloves during sessions. The gloves are changed between each session.

In the event of a first aid incident our coaching team will apply a face mask and follow the latest guidance on administering first aid during COVID-19.

Training 'zones' are carefully measured out adhering to two metre distances at all times.

Should a players ball leave the zone and enter another players/coaches 'zone' the ball must be passed back carefully via foot and NOT hands.

Players can pick up their ball only.

Football balls are sanitised between sessions.

Parents and family members MUST take responsibility for social distancing when inside the ground and in car park areas. We ask that young children are encouraged to stay with parents when on site please. Ask us for a colouring bag to help keep little ones amused – Please do take them home afterwards too!

Players will be led out at the allotted session end time and handed over to parents in the collection area.

Players displaying signs of illness during a session will need to be collected immediately and will be asked to leave the site.

Parents must keep their mobile phone upon their person and on ring/vibrate at all times whilst the session is on.

Items left on the pitch will be disposed of, we are unable to collate belongings into lost property at this time.

Please be aware that, if you attend and/or send your child to attend a session you must accept and adhere to all of the above guidance and ensure that your child is in agreement too.

By attending a session, you are declaring that no member of your household is currently displaying symptoms nor have been displaying symptoms for a period of 14 days prior to arrival at the ground.

We will ensure that our staff follow all guidance set out to them in training and that they do their best to ensure social distancing is always in place with carefully thought out practices. We will not be held responsible if any child contracts the Covid-19 virus or if any family members contract the virus.

For further guidance on how Oxford City FC are committed to keeping the site safe please [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions relating to this document, please contact info@ignitesportuk.com

