



Bluntisham Blasters Football Club – COVID-19 update 1st August 2020

BBFC have completed a risk assessment and applied both Government and FA guidance to allow the continuation of training and, from 1st August, play organised matches. All training will continue as per our previous email of 21st July 2020 with updates below and additional items for matches held by BBFC at the Bluntisham Parish grounds.

1. Travel to matches to be by individual families, walking where possible. Home and away teams will be requested to park at a designated car park and will be informed which pitch they are playing on prior to the match.
2. All attendees (defined as, but not exclusive to, a player, parent, guardian, carer or other spectator) to matches will be asked to carry out a COVID-19 self-assessment prior to leaving home. If the attendee shows any symptoms they will be requested, along with any other household members, not to attend. Managers will have the right to ask anyone showing symptoms to return home.
3. Players and officials instructed to arrive changed into their kits.
4. On arrival, players, managers and officials will need to use hand sanitiser and will be reminded to observe social distancing whilst not playing.
5. Notice board(s) will be placed at entry to the field area to remind spectators to observe social distancing at all times. Hand sanitiser will be placed by the notice board(s) for use if required by spectators.
6. 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 track and trace. The opposition will be contacted by the home club if this is requested within 22 days of the match day.
7. Toilet facilities will be available 15 minutes before and after matches with a one in one out system. A notice will be posted on the outside door and hand sanitiser will be placed at entrance.
8. 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.
9. Matches will be spread out as much as possible to avoid over congestion on the field.
10. All first aid kits have PPE equipment available for use in case of an injury and will only be administered by the qualified team first aider.
11. All equipment used will be sanitised before, during and after each match.
12. Each player, manager and official will be requested to bring their own water bottles to matches.
13. There will be no pitch side canteen provided during August, nor will the Clubhouse be opened for refreshments.

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Points to raise

Canteen: *We are considering providing the pitch side canteen when the league games start in September. This may be a self-service with limited items but we are still considering how this would work in practice. We also need to consider that payment of items will be entirely in cash.*

We would like to provide the canteen as this, in turn, provides valuable and much needed revenue to BBFC, but clearly we need to do this in a safe manner.

Social distancing boards and use of village hall toilets – *we need to discuss this further with the Parish Council on the 5th for when the league games commence in September.*