



RETURN TO PLAY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We know that everyone will be excited to come together and return to playing football, however, it is imperative that all coaches, players and parents adhere to below policies & procedures.

This Return to Play (RTP) Action Plan addresses many critical details that must be followed by all players, parents, coaches, staff, etc. to ensure the health and safety of everyone at our courses.

Return to Play Responsibilities

SoccerstarsUK

- Distribute the Return to Play policies & procedures to all children, staff & parents.
- Train & educate all SoccerstarsUK on our Return to Play protocols
- Follow all FA and Public Health England and Department for Education guidance
- Be sensitive, approachable and accommodating to all parents & children that may be apprehensive about returning to play
- Will appoint a COVID-19 Officer who will oversee all Risk Assessments, policies and implementation of Return to Play Document

Coach

- Follow all RTP policies & procedures
- Be the only person to handle all coaching equipment and ensure regular & frequent cleaning
- Coaches will only coach if they are from a symptom free household, have completed the required isolation period or achieved a negative test result
- Regularly monitor and enquire how the children are feeling in their group
- Design appropriate training sessions providing a mixture of practices that allow for more frequent social distancing
- Report any incidents or concerns to a member of the Management Team

Parent

- Please only bring your child to one of our courses if they & everyone within the household have not had any coronavirus symptoms, such as a temperature of 37.8 degrees and above, a new persistent cough and/or a lack of taste or smell within the last 14 days
- We ask that only one parent or family member comes at drop off and pick up times and that they have not presented any symptoms in the last 14 days
- We politely ask parents to wear a mask when at the registration desk.
- Parents should not under any circumstances remain on site to communicate with other families.
- If you are kept waiting while dropping off or collecting their child, please respect social distancing
- Wherever possible please travel to our courses on your own with your children and in your own transport - If public transport is necessary, current government guidance on the use of public transport must be followed
- Ensure your child has plenty of water
- We advise parents supply their child with their own hand sanitiser
- For when your child is attending on more than one day, please ensure fresh clean clothes are worn each day
- No phones, tablets or electronic devices are allowed on any of our courses

Child

- Follow all RTP policies & procedures
- Do not share any items from home such as food, drink or sun cream
- Practice social distancing when appropriate
- Wash hands thoroughly when instructed to by one of the coaching team
- No high fives, handshakes, knuckles, or group celebrations
- Children encouraged to use their feet to collect & move balls when out of the coaching area/off the pitch throughout the session

Return to Play – SoccerstarsUK Holiday Courses

Before the Course & Arrival

- Parents to drop children off at designated registration point
- Parents to provide children with a bag containing lunchbox, plenty of drinks, hat & sun cream only.
- Parents encouraged to provide lunch items that the children can open independently
- Parents encouraged to apply sun cream on children before they arrive at the venue
- Children will clean their hands thoroughly on arrival at the venue and be sent directly to their group which they will spend the day with. Groups will not mix during the day
- Each group will be a maximum of 15 people, with an ideal number of 12 per group, groups will be pre-determined by age and/or playing experience. Each Group will have 1 coach who will stay with the group without the course of the day and will not come into contact with other groups.
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During the Day

- Coaches & Children to wash hands thoroughly each time they enter and leave the coaching area
- Groups to be given a specific playing area that they will use for the entirety of the day
- All equipment will be regularly cleaned by staff throughout the day
- Separate equipment will be used for any team games & activities where social distancing cannot be observed fully
- Games, tournaments, etc. can occur with sensible health precautions once approved by the FA and Government
- Social distancing will be maintained during breaks. This will be achieved through a range of strategies including the staggering of breaks and subdivision of spaces allocated breaks.

Proper hand-washing protocol

Hand-washing and good hygiene is paramount to our Return to Play Policy. When in doubt, wash thoroughly and often, using liquid soap and water or by using Hand sanitizer that is 70% ethanol or stronger which we will provide throughout the day.

We will wash our hands:

- Upon arrival in the morning, and re-entering any coaching area or building throughout the day
- Whenever one's hands are visibly dirty
- After using the toilet
- After coughing or sneezing into one's hands, or into a disposable tissue
- Before eating
- When going from one area to another.
- After physical contact with others.
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Responding to a suspected case during the day

- In the event of a child developing suspected coronavirus symptoms whilst attending one of our courses, they will be collected as soon as possible and isolated at home in line with the NHS guidance.
- Whilst waiting for the child to be collected they will be isolated from others in a separate area preferably outdoors, but if indoors with the window opened for ventilation if appropriate.
- The staff member responsible for the child during this time will be a staff member from their group. The staff member will wear appropriate PPE including a face mask while waiting with the child.
- The venue will then be informed and any areas the child has been will then be thoroughly cleaned.
- The person responsible for cleaning the area will wear appropriate PPE.
- A member of the executive management team will then take over the coaching of the group for the remainder of the day

- In the event of a staff member developing suspected coronavirus symptoms during the day, they will return home immediately and isolate at home in line with the NHS guidance. We ask that anyone with symptoms then obtains a government test should this be appropriate for the age group.
- Numbers will be limited to 4 bubbles of up to 15 children per day. (Total not to exceed 60 children)
- Social distancing will be practiced as much as possible among the children in attendance each day.
- The UK Government has asked for business to support a track and trace initiative by collecting contact details from any of our courses. Any confirmed cases of Covid-19 at any of our courses, contact details supplied at the time of the booking will be passed on to NHS track and trace and the venue. For more information on how this data will be stored, you can view our GDPR policy.
- During the national lockdown 4th January 2021, as a Holiday Club setting, we can only offer provision to
- **children of critical workers**, where it is reasonably necessary to enable their parents or carers to go to work, search for work, attend education or training, or attend a medical appointment.
- Vulnerable children and young people. For a full list of children who can attend our Holiday Courses please visit the Guidance for parents link below: [Guidance for parents link click here](#)
- For any bookings made for Holiday Courses during National Lockdown thorough checks will be carried out to ensure only children of critical workers and children who are deemed vulnerable, as per Government Guidelines attend our Holiday courses.

If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus within a group, this will be reported to Public Health England and will follow their advice and most up to date guidance.

NOTE: This Return to Play was last updated on 20/01/2021 following the latest government guidelines.