



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 polices & 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 restrict the number of Schools that a single coach attends and log each individual visit for our records
- Will appoint a COVID-19 Officer who will oversee all Risk Assessments, policies and implementation of Return to Play Document

Coach

- Follow all RTP polices & procedures
- Be the only person to handle all coaching equipment and ensure regular & frequent cleaning both before, during and after each coaching session.
- 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
- Coaches will wear clean uniform to each School they attend
- 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 After School Clubs 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 pick up times and that they have not presented any symptoms in the last 14 days
- If they are kept waiting whilst collecting their child, please respect social distancing
- Wherever possible please travel to our After School Club 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

Child

- Follow all RTP polices & 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
- Children encouraged to use their feet to collect & move balls when out of the coaching area/off the pitch throughout the session
- No high fives, handshakes, knuckles, or group celebrations

Return to Play – After School Clubs

Before the Course & Arrival

- Coaches to meet children at designated registration point
- Parents to provide children with a bag containing kit & footwear, plenty of drinks, hat & sun cream only.
- Children will clean their hands thoroughly on arrival to meet the coach. Groups will not mix with any other children during the After School Club and will stay strictly within their group.

During the After School Club

- 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 session
- All equipment will be regularly cleaned by staff both before, during and after the coaching session.
- 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 are able to provide.

We will wash our hands:

- Upon registering with the coach and re-entering any coaching area or building throughout the session
- Whenever one's hands are visibly dirty
- After using the toilet
- After coughing or sneezing into one's hands, or into a disposable tissue
- When going from one area to another.
- After physical contact with others.

Responding to a suspected case during the session.

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 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.
- In the event of a staff member developing suspected coronavirus symptoms during a session, 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.
- 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 School. For more information on how this data will be stored, you can view our GDPR policy.

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.

