



Didcot Town Back to Football 2021





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1. DIDCOT TOWN YOUTH GETTING BACK TO FOOTBALL INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document has been written to define and clearly set out the safe and effective delivery of training, friendly, League and Cup games for Didcot town Youth Teams.
- 1.2 The Getting Back to Football plan is devised to provide information on all aspects of training, games and the location in line with the Government and FA guidelines.
- 1.3 Next steps overview.

Those Involved:

- **Didcot Town FC** – Training Location
- **Didcot Town Youth Committee - Overall** management of the youth teams
- **Didcot Town Youth Team Managers** – Training delivery, Friendly games, small sided tournaments, League & Cup Fixtures.

The Getting Back to Football plan will be actioned by the Committee to ensure that all Government guidelines are met and training and games can operate safely. Team managers are responsible for guideline implementation during training sessions and competitive fixtures.

1.4 Supporting appendices including

Appendix A - FA and Government Guidance

- [FA update](#)
- [Full Guidance](#)
- [Return of Football 2021](#)

Appendix B - Safety Posters

Appendix C - Covid-19 Committee Risk Assessment

1.5 Government roadmap out of lockdown

	STEP 1		STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
	8 th March	29 th March	No earlier than 12 th April	No earlier than 17 th May	No earlier than 21 st June
UPDATE	Schools return, including play for school-age children as part of educational provision and wraparound care – following DfE guidance.	Outdoor grassroots football returns – following all FA guidance. No spectators. No changing rooms. No hospitality.	Indoor football for under 18s returns – subject to Government approval. Socially-distanced spectators permitted - in accordance with Government guidelines. Changing rooms can be used – following strict Covid-19 protocols. Outdoor food and drink allowed – following the rule of six or two households.	Organised indoor football returns – subject to Government approval. Socially distanced spectators permitted - in accordance with Government guidelines. Changing rooms can be used – following strict Covid-19 protocols. Indoor food and drink allowed – following the rule of six or two households.	No legal limits on gathering. Larger events allowed.

*As of 07th April, government guidance was amended from the original plan regarding spectators on private land.

2. DIDCOT TOWN YOUTH MANAGERS GUIDANCE

Getting back to football follows the guidelines set out by government and the FA. We will be following these guidelines to ensure the safety of players, managers and parents. This means restrictions on what we would class as our normal training routine, Friendly games as well as League and Cup Fixtures will be in place.

As a club it is important that all teams and age groups follow the guidance and processes, we have put in place which are listed below.

DTYFC SPECIFIC;

Training Locations – Training Pitch - Didcot Town Football Club, Bowmont Water Didcot, OX11 7GA.

Training can commence on Council property at St Edmonds Park, Park Road, Didcot, OX11 8QE from 29th March 2021.

Teams are permitted to train at other facilities away from DTFC or St Edmonds Park but **MUST** adhere to the same measures highlighted within this guidance.

League & Cup Fixtures – St Edmonds Park, Park Road, Didcot, OX11 8QE or Training Pitch - Didcot Town Football Club, Bowmont Water Didcot, OX11 7GA.

We would strongly recommend a phased return to competitive football activity as follows:

Social Distancing - Everybody must ensure a social distance of 1 metre+ when not participating in full contact games, e.g. warming up/cooling down or spectating.

Participation – The Manager/Coach taking the session can be involved within the group, ensuring the maximum level as stated above is not exceeded.

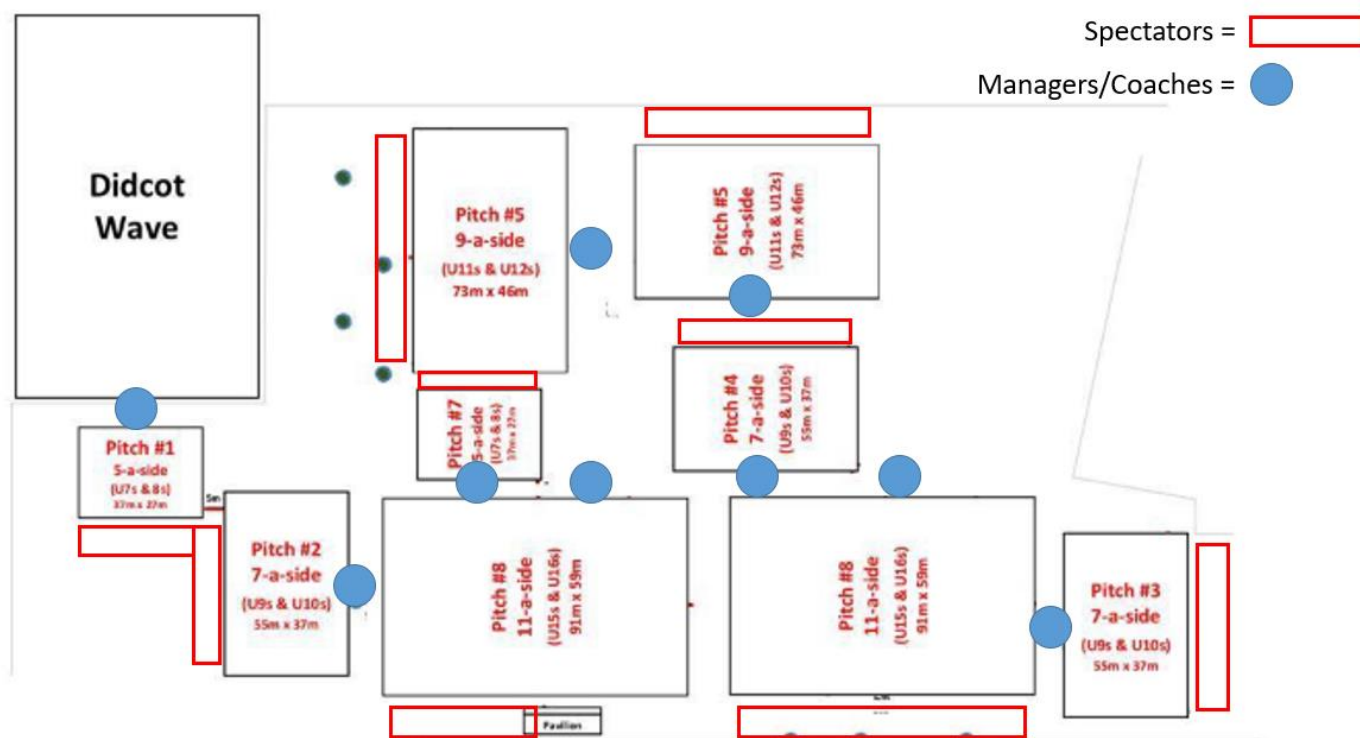
Safeguarding – At least 1 Youth football club manager and 1 other with DBS, will be present at all sessions to safeguard all activities when training. Teams <U9 that exceed 16 players require a 3rd DBS checked helper and those Teams >U9 that exceed 20 children.

Session Contents- Group skills such as dribbling or passing and or/Individual fitness activities, plus contact practice matches.

Spectators:

From Step 3, spectators will be permitted to view events on both public and private land but need to adhere to social distancing rules and social gathering limits set at groups of 30 outdoors and six people/two households indoors.

Friendly games/League & Cup fixtures – **Managers are responsible for visiting teams and MUST agree all terms before commencement.** Reinforcement of the rules is the responsibility of each team manager.



Respect Barriers – The use of ‘Respect barriers’ will now only be used as markings on the floor (cones) at a 2mtr distance from the pitch touchlines. Physical barriers will not be used to prevent unnecessary handling. Managers must monitor any encroachment towards pitch side.

Equipment – Must be sterilised between sessions, and regular hand sanitisation is recommended. Where there are breaks in the game, or training, if throw-ins or handling has occurred the ball should be disinfected.

Hand Hygiene – All persons entering the pitches will be required to sanitise their hands when joining the manager/coach on entry and exit.

Toilets – Facilities will not be provided during training in the main club building. Edmonds Park will have portable loos available. Users are advised to follow hand washing advice or use hand sanitizer before and after use.

PPE – Individual preference, or at Manager/Coach guidance. However, Face Coverings MUST be removed during training and games.

Test & Trace:

Training- Managers/Coaches must ensure they have details of every player at each session for the purposes of Test & Trace. If training at a DTYFC facility all visitors need to scan our club QR code. For external venues, their T&T regulations will need to be followed.

Games- Managers/Coaches must ensure they have details of every player at each game for the purposes of Test & Trace. The QR code boards need to be on display and every Manager (including away visitors) and spectators need to check in accordingly.

Modifications in matches (and training where applicable)

- Pre-match handshake should not happen.
- Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, if social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible.
- Coaches, other team staff and substitutes are allowed, but must also always observe social distancing on touchlines/dug outs. Social distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made.
- Match preparation meetings by officials should be held by video call.
- Set plays – free kicks: referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls.
- Set plays – corners should also be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking and goal posts should be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half time.
- Goal celebrations should be avoided.
- Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing.

Away Games – DTYFC Managers/Coaches must ensure the venue you are visiting has a valid Risk Assessment in place and is adhered too, to ensure safe practices are achieved. Managers/Coaches must be able to provide a point of contact for Test & Trace purposes.

COVID Stewards - checklists will be used to ensure all measures are adhered too and will be recorded by elected team affiliates. (Manager allocation)



Please be reminded, if an individual is symptomatic, living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or if you are classified as extremely vulnerable on health grounds, the guidance is that you should remain at home.



3. PITCH LAYOUT



Each group will be allocated a pitch section for their training session, all players and managers must always use the marked entry points and ensure social distancing.

All sessions will be adequately spaced to ensure larger gaps between groups.

Players will be allocated training areas that will be designated by cones that always ensure social distancing. It is the manager's responsibility to set up and remove the training areas.

It is the responsibility of the Manager/Coach to collect and return players via designated entry and exit points.

All Friendly games, League & Cup Fixtures must use at least x2 quarters (qtr 1&2 or 3&4 ONLY) to ensure social distancing measures are available and adhered too.



4. COVID-19 STEWARDS GUIDANCE

Steward's purpose - For Grassroots games and training to commence, DTYFC committee have voted to introduce the role of a COVID-19 steward for each DTYFC team. The purpose of the stewards is to ensure compliance to the Club Risk Assessment, as well as guiding spectators on the side lines on rules and ensuring these are followed.

Steward's role – Completion of the COVID-19 game day and training checklist, supplying the checklist document to the club WO.

Steward checklist – Will be provided by the welfare officer via the team manager.

5. PARENTS GUIDANCE

Spectating for Training & fixtures

From Step 3, spectators will be permitted to view events on both public and private land but need to adhere to social distancing rules and social gathering limits set at groups of 30 outdoors and six people/two households indoors.

Contact – Parents must always be contactable while the player is training.

Toilets – Facilities will not be provided during training in the main club building. Edmonds Park will have portable loos available. Users are advised to follow hand washing advice or use hand sanitizer before and after use.

End of session – Players will make their way back to the car park, please drive carefully when entering this area or leaving.

PLEASE NOTE ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND RISK THEIR CHILD BEING PUT ON SUSPENSION FROM THE CLUB.

5. PLAYER GUIDANCE (ALL PLAYERS)

Arrival - Players must wait either in their cars or at a safe distance until their coach calls them in from the sanitiser station entry point. Please remember to queue according to the 2 metre guidance.

Boots – Must be worn at all times

Kit – Any kit however DTYFC training kit is preferred

Drinks – Players must bring their own drinks and ensure they take home all bottles (No Bins Available)

Hand Hygiene – All persons entering the training pitch area will be required to sanitise their hands when joining their manager/coach on entry and exit.

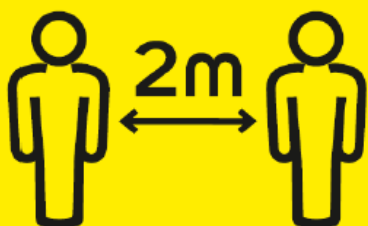
Social distancing – Players must follow social distancing regulations when not playing.

Toilets - Facilities will not be provided during training in the main club building. Edmonds Park will have portable loos available. Users are advised to follow hand washing advice or use hand sanitizer before and after use.

6. DISPLAY POSTERS



**Prevent the spread of
COVID-19**



**Social Distancing
in effect**

**Keep 2m apart
at all times**

**Prevent the spread of
COVID 19**



STOP THE SPREAD
**Please sanitise
your hands!**

7. MANAGERS AND PLAYERS RISK ASSESSEMENT

Likelihood/Severity Matrix					
Likelihood	Severity				
	5 - Catastrophic	4-Serious	3-Critical	2-Marginal	1-Negligible
5 - Frequently	25	20	15	10	5
4 - Probable	20	16	12	8	4
3 - Occasional	15	12	9	6	3
2 - Remote	10	8	6	4	2
1 - Improbable	5	4	3	2	1

Risk Rank Break Points		
Value	Risk Level	Corrective Action Requirements
17-25	High	Unacceptable - Stop activity & make immediate improvements. Corrective action closure within 30 days.
10-16	Med	Tolerable - Reduce the risk to Low where-ever possible. Ensure active control measures implemented.
5-9	Low	Adequate - Consider additional control measures to monitor and ensure hazards do not escalate
1-4	N/A	Acceptable - No action required except for regulatory findings (see below). Ensure controls maintained
N.B. All regulatory findings must be addressed as a minimum within 30 days		

Club	Didcot Town Youth	Task/Activity Assessed	Covid-19- Hygiene	Date	17/05/2021
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Identified Hazard	Who may be at risk?	Risk before Controls			Control Measures	Any further controls required	Actioned by (Name/Dept .)	Completion Date	Risk after Controls		
		L	S	Rate					L	S	Rate
Hand Contamination (Spread of Covid 19)	All Managers All Coaches All Players	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitiser available with each manager/coach. Further hand washing guidance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ One time use gloves provided for First Aid response. Players/Managers encouraged to be responsible for their own personal hygiene on top of training pitch measures. Parents to ensure players have washed hands prior to training arrival. 	Advice posters displayed on entrance to training pitch	Committee Members	Ongoing	3	4	12
Mouth/Nose Dispersal Contamination (Spread of Covid 19)	All Managers All Coaches Players	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players/club staff reminded of Government advice through posters and communication. Advice on Coughing and sneezing into tissues and elbows. Catch It, Kill It, Bin It posters at training pitch entrance. Face covering available if required (not to be used when training) 	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	3	4	12

Displaying symptoms of Covid-19	All Managers All Coaches All Players	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any player/club member displaying symptoms of a new continuous cough, loss of sense of smell and taste or high temperature will be sent home and asked to call 119 or GP immediately and then follow the stay at home guidelines All Players/Club staff must follow the self-isolation guidance from the Government and not return to training until the advised period has been completed Players/Club Staff at home displaying symptoms must follow the government guidelines and not come to training or club activation. Players/Club Staff living with someone displaying symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days in line with the government guidelines and not attend work. 	Advice Posters displayed on training pitch arrival	Committee Members	Ongoing	2	5	10
Contamination from Equipment	All Managers All Players	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment is owned per team and not shared between groups. Managers will clean and sterilise all equipment prior to use. Managers have sole responsibility for set up and clear down of training area and equipment. All equipment is sterilised between training sessions. Players encouraged not to touch balls with hands unless wearing gloves. 	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	3	3

Club	Didcot Town Youth	Task/Activity Assessed	Covid-19- Social Distancing and Training	Date	17/05/2021
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Identified Hazard	Who may be at risk?	Risk before Controls			Control Measures	Any further controls required	Actioned by	Completion Date	Risk after Controls		
		L	S	Rate					L	S	Rate
Social Distancing and person to person contact- Preventing the spread of Covid-19 Contamination	All Managers All Coaches All Players Spectators	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Players/Club Staff must avoid contact with any person displaying symptoms of Covid-19 All Players/Club Staff to follow government and FA guidelines for social distancing. Training pitch split into 4 sections with designated entry and exit points for all players and club staff. Teams can increase player amounts for training session to a max 30, to include manager/coaches. Players are recommended to maintain 2 metres apart when not taking part in contact games. All players reminded at the start of each session of the 2 metre rule. Small sided games are permitted. Designated viewing area established within the training pitch to aid social distancing when friendly games are being played. Introduction of COVID stewards. 	<p>Advice Posters displayed on training pitch arrival</p> <p>Managers to advise visitors and parents of viewing area for friendly games</p> <p>COVID stewards to carry out checks during games</p>	<p>Committee Members</p> <p>Individual team managers</p> <p>COVID stewards</p>	On Going	2	5	10

Social Distancing and person to person contact- Preventing the spread of Covid 19 Contamination	All Managers	5	4	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The manager/coach is responsible for social distancing measures throughout the training session & games Parents encouraged not to congregate in the car park and adhere to all social distancing requirements Spectators must practice social distancing of 2 metres. 	Advice Posters displayed on training pitch arrival	Committee Members	On Going	2	5	10
	All Coaches						COVID Stewards				
	All Players										

Club	Didcot Town Youth	Task/Activity Assessed	Covid-19- First Aid	Date	17/05/2021
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Identified Hazard	Who may be at risk?	Risk before Controls			Control Measures	Any further controls required	Actioned by	Completion Date	Risk after Controls		
		L	S	Rate					L	S	Rate
Player First Aid- Preventing the spread of Covid 19 Contamination	All Managers All Coaches All Players	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Managers are First Aid Trained Managers to use provided PPE of gloves and face covering in the event that first aid is required and 2 metre social distancing rule needs to be broken. Parents on site that can be called to attend to own player, in the event that a parent cannot be located the manager will administer first aid unless specified in writing not to do so. 	N/A	N/A	On Going	1	4	4
Delivering of rescue breaths in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) – Transmission of Infection	First Aider	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paediatric advice from resus.org.uk states that carrying out rescue breaths will increase the risk of transmission of Covid-19, however this risk is small in comparison of taking no action, as this will result in certain cardiac arrest and death. 	Ensure appropriate emergency services are called. Provision of pocket mask with manager first aid kit.	Committee Members	On Going	2	2	4

Dealing with open wounds/blood – Transmission of infection	First Aider	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure gloves are always worn, washing/sanitise hands before/after First Aid Administered. Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and/or nose, unless you have cleaned your hands after 	Use paper towels for any spill and seek further advice from emergency services on arrival.	First Aider	On Going	2	2	4
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OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS AND ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

This section to contain general overview of findings and specific recommendations as noted on main assessment.

Ensure all manager First Aid Certificates are in date for all team managers and coaches.

Amend guidance as and when advised by the FA or Government.

Roster for all teams training dates and times to ensure change overs are limited to as few people as possible.

Friendly, League and Cup fixtures are managed in accordance with the guidance identified within the Risk Assessment.

Name of Assessor: Tony Crutchley

Position: Elected Welfare Officer and Committee Member

Signature of Assessor: *T.A. Crutchley*

