

Pelsall Villa Colts FC

COVID-19 Risk Assessment – **The EDC**

Modified 30/03/2021



Event Details (e.g U10 Match, Coaching session)	
Manager Name	Venue Location
	Educational Development Centre Pelsall Lane Rushall WS4 1NG
Manager Contact Tel	Designated Safeguarding Person Name and Contact Tel
Risk Assessment Completed By	Date
Keith Grimsley, Covid officer Pelsall Villa Colts FC 07812 045942	

Club Policies and Procedures Being Followed	Yes	No
Comms, Parents Brief and Consent		
Protocols, Self Screen, Test & Trace		
Travel		
Changing Facilities		
Public and Site Access		
Pre Match or Training Activity		
During a Match or Training Activity		
Injuries and First Aid		
Post Match or Training Activity		

Clubs are advised to undertake regular risk assessments of the clubs activities, ensuring that each one is named, signed and dated by those completing and approving it. Risk assessments are 'living documents' and should be updated and reviewed regularly and kept in active use to mitigate any new or changing risks. Clubs should undertake specific employee/volunteer risk assessments for anyone undertaking high-risk roles or tasks.

SUMMARY

This document is designed to guide Covid-19 safety measures required for teams playing in all age groups at the EDC

The document is written in conjunction with FA and Government Guidelines. Advice may change, so teams should be aware of the latest advice or guidance offered by the FA and Government.

Anyone who suspects they have the virus or displays any symptoms must not attend a League organised event. It follows that anyone else who is advised to isolate, should also not attend.

This is designed to protect Players, Referees, Coaches, Parents, Guardians, Supporters and League Officials.

The colour coding used is designed to give an indication of the severity of a risk to all involved if measures are not followed.

RAG status	Risk Level
Green	Low Risk of Covid-19 Transmission
Amber	Medium Risk of Covid-19 Transmission
Red	High Risk of Covid-19 Transmission

THE RETURN OF FOOTBALL AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

The Government has published a roadmap setting out four steps for the easing of national lockdown restrictions in England. The FA's guidance will continue to strictly follow all Government guidance, as we have throughout the pandemic. The FA's guidance will be updated at each step to provide participants with the information needed to facilitate the safe return of the game.

The Government has been clear that the easing of restrictions set out in the roadmap is subject to review and could change if we see another surge in hospitalisations, if a new variant of concern is found or if there are any issues with the roll-out of the vaccination programme. As such we cannot confirm with certainty what the next steps for the return of football will look like over the coming months. We can instead point to what is in the Government's roadmap as an indication for what this return could look like. This is summarised below:

ROADMAP

	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	<p>Schools return, including play for school-age children as part of educational provision and wraparound care – following DfE guidance.</p>	<p>Outdoor grassroots football returns – following all FA guidance.</p> <p>No spectators.</p> <p>No changing rooms.</p> <p>No hospitality.</p>	<p>Indoor football for under 18s returns – subject to Government approval.</p> <p>Socially-distanced spectators permitted - in accordance with Government guidelines.</p> <p>Changing rooms can be used – following strict Covid-19 protocols.</p> <p>Outdoor food and drink allowed – following the rule of six or two households.</p>	<p>Organised indoor football returns – subject to Government approval.</p> <p>Socially distanced spectators permitted - in accordance with Government guidelines.</p> <p>Changing rooms can be used – following strict Covid-19 protocols.</p> <p>Indoor food and drink allowed – following the rule of six or two households.</p>	<p>No legal limits on gathering.</p> <p>Larger events allowed.</p>

Comms, Parents Brief & Consent

Area of Risk	Who is at Risk?	Is there an additional risk to disabled or impairment-specific participants?	Risk Rating: Red, Amber, Green	Solution/Mitigation	Adjusted Rating	Review post-activity and by whom
Parents/Guardians/Club Members and Players do not follow Covid-19 procedures. Parents/Guardians do not consent to child participation	Players Parents Guardians Officials Children	Possibly for any spectators or players that have impairments. Special arrangements to be made and agreed with those concerned.	Amber	All parents/guardians to be advised of Covid-19 arrangements prior to giving consent for their child to participate. Designate Covid-19 champion per team to collect consent forms and ensure all info is completed. Action by Team	Green	re-inforce the importance of social distancing etc post activity. Review with designated Covid-19 champion for each team. Action by Team

Protocols, Self Screen, Test & Trace

No training session or match should go ahead without all players, volunteers, spectators completing a self-assessment for any Covid-19 symptoms. A copy of the Test and Trace form has been issued to all Managers via the club whatsapp managers group.

Nobody should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following:

- A high temperature (above 37.8*c);
- A new, continuous cough;
- A loss of, or change to, their s
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- A Loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- Feeling generally unwell
- Persistent tiredness
- Been in close contact with/living with a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in the previous two weeks
- You or someone in your household/bubble self-isolating whilst waiting for a test or test results for Covid-19

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Covid-19 Protocols are not implemented consistently by the club members. Members not informed of expectations and procedures.	Players Parents Guardians Officials Children	Possibly for any spectators or players that have impairments. Special arrangements to be made and agreed with those concerned.	Red	Covid-19 protocols shared and communicated with all existing and new members. Club Members trained and agree to protocols. Register retained. Action for Members & Committee	Green	Covid-19 protocols shared and communicate with all existing and new members. Members trained and agree to protocols. Register retained. Action for Members & Committee
Players attend match/coaching session may have covid-19 symptoms	Players Parents Guardians Officials Children	Possibly for any spectators or players that have impairments. Special arrangements to be made and agreed with those concerned.	Red	Each parent/guardian/visitor/official must self screen on the day for symptoms prior to arriving. Anyone with symptoms to be sent home immediately. Managers to issue check list to parents/guardians to sign and confirm. Confirmation of self screen to be retained by Manager. Matches to be played outdoors. Action for Manager	Amber	Covid-19 protocols shared and communicated with all existing and new members. Members trained and agree to protocols. Register retained. Action for Managers, Members & Committee
Players, club members, guardians or spectators confirmed positive with Covid-19 after recent involvement in training or attending a match.	Players Parents Guardians Officials Children	Yes, if protocols are not communicated and applied consistently.	Amber	Contact details of players, parents, guardians, officials who are attending a match or training session to be captured electronically or hard copy format for the use of Track and Trace only. NHS Test and Trace now in operation all attendees to use this facility. Information to be provided to the relevant authorities for the purpose of Track and Trace. Action for Manager to retain info in line with Data Protection. destroy after 21 days.	Green	Covid-19 protocols shared and communicate with all existing and new members. Members trained and agree to protocols. Register retained. Action for Managers, Members & Committee

Travel

The Government guidance on travel is that the 'stay at home' rule will end on Monday 29 March 2021, but many restrictions will remain in place. As organised sport can resume, all participants may travel to games but should avoid travel at the busiest times and routes, as well as minimising any unnecessary journeys where possible. All participants must follow [the Government's guidance on safer travel](#).

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Travelling to and from coaching sessions/matches	Players Parents Guardians Children	Yes. Avoid public transport where possible.	Amber	Ensure all parents/guardians are aware of the government travel guidance. Socially distance where possible.	Green	Review if government travel guidance changes. Action for Manager and Covid-19 champion

Changing Facilities

Changing rooms cannot be used as part of step one of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown and therefore must remain shut. Changing facilities can only be used in emergency situations, or by disabled people who are taking part in organised sport and physical activity. Toilets will be allowed to open, 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after training and/or matches.

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Public & Site Access

Club should try and avoid congestion caused by multiple teams training on the same day and time. Consideration should be given to a training schedule and communicated across all teams. Avoid arriving too early (suggest 20 minutes prior to a match and 5 mins prior to training).

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Limit large group gatherings	Players Parents Guardians Officials Children Spectators	Yes from large groups	Amber	No spectators are allowed at grassroots football as part of step one of the Government's roadmap. One parent or guardian per child is permitted, where clubs and facilities can safely accommodate this and following all appropriate guidance.	Green	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session

Pre-Match or Training Activity

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Area of Risk	Who is at Risk?	Is there an additional risk to disabled or impairment-specific participants?	Risk Rating: Red, Amber, Green	Solution/Mitigation	Adjusted Rating	Review post-activity and by whom
Inadequate cleaning and PPE equipment	Players Coaches/Managers First Aiders Children	No	Amber	Check all personal sanitizers, mask/shield, gloves for coaches are available	Green	Responsibility of the Manager/Coach
Transmission from training equipment	Players Coaches/Managers Parents Guardians Children	No	Amber	Limit and minimise the number of people handling equipment. Coaches to sanitize hands prior to and after each session. Players clean hands with hand sanitizer before, half time and post training/matches. Management clean down and sanitize balls and posts posts at half time during matches. Use sanitized wipes or disinfectant.	Green	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Transmission from cash or equipment exchanged with match officials	Officials Coaches/Managers Parents	No	Amber	Assistant Referee's to provide their own flag	Green	Responsibility of Officials and Team Management

	Guardians			Prepare referee payment in advance place in an envelope or plastic bag		
Team Talks	Players Coaches/Managers Children	No	Amber	Social distancing to be observed during pre match team talks. Avoid shouting and team huddles.	Green	Responsibility of the Team Management Each week

During a Match or Training Activity

Spectators

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Parents and/or Guardians not maintaining a social distance during coaching or games.	Players Coaches/Managers First Aiders Parents Guardians Children Officials Spectators	Yes	Red	Parents or Guardians attending must adhere to rule of six and comply with FA and Government guidelines. Utilise cones and flat markers to create zones for players during breaks and ensure spectators maintain a social distance. If it is not possible for spectators to socially distance (>2m) outside then face covers/masks should be worn.	Amber	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Transmission from drinks bottles	Players Children	No	Red	Ensure each player bring their own drinks bottle. Utilise cones and flat markers. Do not share drinks bottles. Drinks bottles to be clearly labelled with players names.	Amber	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Half time	Players Children Managers/Coaches	No	Red	Players, officials and team management to observe social distancing during half time breaks and team talks	Amber	Responsibility of the Team Management Each week

Transmission from training equipment – balls, goals, cones etc	Players Coaches/Managers Parents Guardians Children	Yes	Amber	Limit and minimise the number of people handling equipment. Coaches to sanitize hands prior to and after each session. Players clean hands with hand sanitizer before, half time and post training/matches. Home team clean down and sanitize match balls, goal posts & corner flags at half time during matches. Use sanitized wipes or disinfectant.	Amber	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Transmission from player conduct (hand shakes, spitting)	Players Coaches/Managers Children Officials	No	Red	All players to refrain from shaking hands at the start or end of a game and implement safer alternatives. Spitting will not be tolerated and players will be warned or asked to leave.	Amber	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Assitant Referee equipment	Officials Appointed Assistant Referee Managers	No	Red	Appointed Assistant Referee's from Clubs (9v9 and 11v11) should use their own Club Flags. Referee should not offer their flags. If there is no alternative strict hand hygiene must be observed.	Amber	Responsibility of the Team Management and Officials Each week
Substitutes and Team Officials (Tier 3)	Players Children	No	Red	Substitutes and Team Officials (Tier 3) must maintain a social distance during matches	Amber	Responsibility of the Team Management and Officials Each week

Injuries & First Aid

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Area of Risk	Who is at Risk?	Is there an additional risk to disabled or impairment-specific participants?	Risk Rating: Red, Amber, Green	Solution/Mitigation	Adjusted Rating	Review post-activity and by whom
Player injury requiring treatment which requires a breache of social distancing	Players Children Guardian Parent	No	Amber	member of household or social bubble to treat the player unless life or limb threatening or absent. Communicate to all parents and guardians prior to training or match commencing.	Green	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Player injury requiring treatment by first aider	Players Children First Aider	No	Red	Coaches and First Aider to sanitize hands before the match starting. PPE to be worn by first aider to include disposable gloves,	Amber	Review with players and coaches, share best practice

	Manager Coach			face covering or face mask (ideally type II, FFP2 or FFP3), hands to be sanitized before and after treatment. Avoid spraying an aerosol freeze/heat treatment where possible. Face shields to be used if spraying an aerosol or water.		during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Player presents symptoms consistent with covid-19 during a match or session	Yes	Yes	Red	Separate player immediately from the wider group. determine if urgent medical treatment is required and if so call for help. Use PPE (nitrile gloves, mask) if they are a child they should be taken home by a member of their household following govt guidelines	Amber	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week
Manager, parent, guardian or child is confirmed positive following a covid-19 test	Yes	Yes	Red	Person to isolate and follow Public Health England and government advice following a period of isolation. Test and Trace records to be made available by the Manager to the relevant authorities upon request.	Green	Review with players and coaches, share best practice during monthly meetings, after each session Responsibility of the Team Management Each week

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Parents, Guardians, Players, Coaches etc to clear the field of play immediately.	Players Coaches/Managers Parents Guardians Children Spectators	yes, if not maintaining social distancing	Red	All people to avoid congregating after the match and clear the field of play as soon as possible. Only those who are helping with Equipment should remain.	Amber	Responsibility of the Team Management Each week