



PBFL

August 2020 Update

Dear Parents, Guardians & all children of PBFL,

I am hopeful that you all received and read' my previous update with how things currently stand at PBFL and what me and the committee are trying to do in order to get your children playing football again as soon as possible.

We have been considering how we can start another season, keeping safety uppermost priority in our minds. We have been reviewing the guidelines produced by the FA, the main thrust of which is that each team/league should have a Covid-19 Officer who must ensure that a number of additional measures should be in place before any football can restart.

There are the usual number of tasks that must take place before any season, collecting and ordering kits, sufficient players for the new teams, arranging fixtures and competitions, to name but 3. We also have the additional complication at this time in that the Council have decided that we cannot use any of the buildings, for any purpose, other than toilets, which presents even more problems for storage etc. We are currently unable to access any of our equipment!!!

With the current 4 individuals on the Committee we do not have the resource to cover all of this, and the additional efforts required for the Covid-19 preparations. For this reason; we are therefore looking for one, or preferably 2 people, who can take on the Covid-19 preparations that the FA are recommending we have in place.

As shown in previous update last month, the link to the Surrey FA website for more information is;

<http://www.surreyfa.com/news/2020/jul/18/return-of-outdoor-competitive-grassroots-football---18th-july>

We are sure that you would want your children to be able to take part in the matches in as safe an environment as possible so if you know anyone who would be willing to take on this role, please make contact with any of the current Committee.

To prepare ourselves for the season ahead, the committee will be looking to collect kits from all last season's players on;

Saturday 22nd August:

U8: 9.30am - 10.00am / **U10:** 10.00am – 10.30am / **U12:** 10.30am – 11.00am

U14: 11.00am – 11.30am / **U17:** 11.30am – 12.00am

PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE that shirts and shorts are washed before hand. You will be asked to put these items into a black bin liner, with a separate bag for each team. Your child's name will then be ticked off on the team list. There will be a queuing and "one-way system" in place so that social distancing can be maintained. Please bear with us as there are likely to be queues for each age group, we are of course trying to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We will then be monitoring the schools return in September and the Governments response to any "spikes" etc as to when we can then safely start same sort of season. Updates will be posted in the website.

The PBFL committee look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on August 22nd to hand in your kits and will be available on the day to answer any questions or queries you may have. Many thanks.