



## KINGSTONIAN FC COVID-19 POLICY

In relation to matches played at King George's Field, 149 Hook Rise South, Chessington, Surbiton KT6 7NA.

In line with the UK Government, and the FA's Guidance, on re-starting outdoor competitive Grassroots' football, the following procedures are in place to safeguard all participants. This includes but is not limited to players, coaching staff, Club and match officials, volunteers, spectators, any other persons present.

### Prior to arrival at the Ground - IMPORTANT:

All participants have the responsibility to undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19 symptoms. No one should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone in their household, has any of the following:

- A high temperature (above 37.8°C).
- A new, continuous cough.
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

### Specific guidance for the visiting team:

Firstly, welcome to King George's Field, we hope you enjoy your visit and we look forward to a competitive match. The following procedures are designed to ensure that you keep safe, which is our main priority.

1. Parking is limited inside the Ground, particularly following wet weather. Follow the instructions of the Stewards who will ensure you can park, and enter the Ground, safely. Interactions with Stewards should only happen observing social distancing.
2. To comply with the NHS Test and Trace procedure for Covid-19, the visiting Club will need to provide Kingstonian FC with the names and telephone numbers of all players, officials and other guests attending the match, prior to their arrival. This information will be retained for a period of 21 days in line with GDPR principles.
3. All visiting players, officials and guests, will need to check-in with a Steward on the main gate, where there will be random temperature checks. Hand sanitising facilities will also be provided and must be used upon entry to the Ground.
4. Upon entry to the Ground, you should make your way directly to the Away dressing room as directed by the Stewards. Toilet and shower facilities are available in the dressing room.
5. If the Clubhouse is open, there will be limited numbers at any one time, so non-playing visitors should follow guidance from Stewards. This also applies to players and coaching staff after the match.

6. All Covid-19 related signs, and social distancing, must be strictly observed at all times. This includes all signage throughout the facility regarding entrance and exits, one way systems, social distancing and hand sanitising.

7. If you have any concerns or issues during your visit, you should report them to our Chief Steward and Covid-19 Officer, John McCormack. He will be the only Steward in an orange high visibility jacket and his mobile number is 07308 302923.

8. Similarly, if you have any concerns or need any clarification about this document, please contact John McCormack either by mobile or email [kfcjmac@aol.com](mailto:kfcjmac@aol.com)

FA guidance and in-match advice:

1. The pre-match handshake should not happen. Instead players are asked to hand-sanitise before kick-off.

2. Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible.

3. Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing.

4. Coaching staff, other team staff and substitutes are allowed on touchlines and dug-outs, but must observe social distancing. Social distancing must also be observed when a substitution is being made.

5. Set plays – referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game, and not unnecessarily prolong set plays with the set up of defensive walls.

6. Set plays – corners should also be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking. Goal posts will be wiped down before matches, at half time and after matches.

7. Goal celebrations should be avoided.

8. Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing.

Thank you for helping Kingstonian FC, and all visiting teams, stay safe.

John Fenwick  
Chairman  
Kingstonian FC

**References:**

Government's latest Covid-19 guidance.

FA's Guidance on re-starting outdoor competitive grassroots football.

UK Government NHS test and trace guidance.

**Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives**