



Our activities operate in line with the NGB / FA guidelines and we are introducing a set of procedures to ensure the safety of children and parents.

You will see below a summary of the FA Guidelines. You will also find below important information relating to the Risk assessment and safeguarding children.

The activities will be designed for small groups of 5 players. Unfortunately, we will be unable to play games or matches during our micro group activities ,so please do inform your child to help manage their expectations on the day.

During the days we will have several carousel / stations to work on certain skills, techniques, and we plan to make the activities competition based. We aim to ensure that the children will still enjoy the session! We will clarify the rules, structure and expectations before the activities start.

During the sessions our measures will be to manage social distancing for the coaches, parents and children, ensure cleansing measures for any equipment that maybe used, maintain stringent hand cleaning on site, and tightly manage activities to prevent unnecessary contact.

Important information and consent:

- Upon arrival we will be asking parents and players not to congregate. Feel free to stand pitch side with social distancing with other parents if you wish to observe.
- Please kindly ensure you carry out a self-check prior to attending - ensuring both parents and boys are not symptomatic or living in a household with any possible Covid – 19 infection. If children show any symptoms, they will not be able to attend.
- Please ensure your child brings his/her own water bottle. We recommend you bring your own sanitiser, but there will be access to sanitiser on site.
- Any equipment used will be cleaned. Children will be asked not to use their hands when playing with the ball.

- There will be strict cleansing measures in place during breaks and with toilet arrangements.
- Distancing measures during activities and breaks
- Signing in can take place from 9am. There is an early drop off option for working parents. There is a cost of £5 per day for this which needs to be paid in cash on arrival
- In the event of heavy rain the course maybe postponed.

The FA has today issued further guidance to all grassroots football and informal football activity outside the professional game following The Government's relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions from 1 June 2020.

Consistent with Government advice, published on Monday 1 June, the following outdoor football activity is currently permitted:

PLAYING FOOTBALL INDIVIDUALLY
e.g. practice of individual skills or fitness activities



PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH YOUR FAMILY OR OTHER PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD



FOOTBALL TRAINING OR FITNESS ACTIVITIES IN GROUPS OF NO MORE THAN SIX, KEEPING TWO METRES APART AT ALL TIMES



Sharing of equipment should be kept to a minimum and strong hand hygiene practices should be in place before and after.



Physical contact with anyone outside of your household is not permitted, therefore, playing of any games (small-sided or full) is also not permitted at this time. Avoid meeting in groups of six in busy or overcrowded areas, if it is so busy that it is not possible to maintain social distancing at all times.

FOOTBALL COACHING WITH SMALL GROUPS OF UP TO SIX PEOPLE



Football coaches can now undertake small group sessions up to six people (including the coach) but are reminded to follow The FA safeguarding policies when coaching/working with children. This must include risk assessing the activities, gaining consent from parents/carers and ensuring you are in sight of another adult e.g. parent/carer or another coach and that the ratio of coach to different age-groups of children is appropriate – see Download 5.3 at <http://www.thefa.com/footballrules/downloads/safeguarding/section-11-the-complete-downloads-directory>

For clarity, the additional parent/carer or coach is not included as part of the group of six but must remain in sight of the activity.



TRAINING FOR TWO OR MORE GROUPS OF SIX (INCLUDING COACH)

It is permissible for coaches to organise a training session that has two or more groups of six (including the coach) involved as long as the groups of six are kept separate, everyone is socially distancing, and strict hygiene measures are in place with any equipment.

FOOTBALL COACHES WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH IMPAIRMENTS



Must ensure they can adequately cater for any additional needs whilst still avoiding physical contact and maintaining social distancing. Individuals should follow Government guidance relevant to their own impairment or health condition.