



Home Fixtures Match Day Guide

Please carefully read through all of the important information below to ensure that you are aware of the measures in place to minimise the risks of contracting or spreading coronavirus while participating in or attending matches.

General

Coaches must inform opposition coaches prior to the fixture of the WW Match Day Guidance. All requirements of this guide apply to Wheathampstead Wanderers coaches AND opposition coaches.

Health

No player or parent/guardian or entourage member should attend a match if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or living with someone who is displaying them. The same principle applies for any player or parent/guardian who has displayed or lives with someone who has displayed these symptoms and should be self-isolating in accordance with NHS guidance.

Before Games:

1. Coaches should confirm the Date, Time, and the location of the fixture, including details of the pitch location and parking / transport facilities. Parents of players should be informed accordingly. PLEASE ASK OPPOSITION COACHES TO INFORM THEIR PARENTS NOT TO PARK IN OLD SCHOOL DRIVE
2. All teams must assign a Match Covid Officer (usually the Match Delegate)
3. Coaches should ensure that the opposition have access to a Pitch Map
<http://www.wheathampsteadwanderersfc.co.uk/coaches-corner>
so that they know where they are going on arrival.
4. Avoid shaking hands with opposition players, officials and parents and continue to socially distance where possible.
5. Each player should bring a bag with their own drink and hand sanitiser in the bag. When not in use, these must be kept in the bag during the match. Coaches should have hand sanitizer in their kit bags for use where necessary

Upon arrival at the venue - Butterfield

1. The official path from the car park to the playing area is through the green gate on the south side of the main parking area. In addition several unofficial trails, which are not suitable for those with mobility issues, have been created over the years through the bushes along the length of the car park. Whichever way you choose to walk between the car park and the playing area please be considerate of others, particularly those coming in an opposite direction, and continue to observe social distancing.
2. Walk (maintaining social distancing) to the designated pitch to meet the coach(es) and Match Covid Officer.
3. If you are unsure as to the location of your pitch, please consult the map showing locations of the numbered pitches (and toilet facilities). This map will have been sent to / via your team coach in advance of the game.
4. Use the NHS Test and Trace QR code if you have the app on your phone

Upon arrival at the venue – Marford / Kilmington / Sandringham

5. Walk (maintaining social distancing) to the designated pitch to meet the coach(es) and Match Covid Officer.
6. Use the NHS Test and Trace QR code if you have the app on your phone

When you arrive pitch side

7. Players, parents, referees and other officials make themselves known to the coach of their team on arrival at the pitch. The coach must keep a record of players' attendance in the subsequent event of needing to "track and trace."
8. Each team's Match Covid Officer should identify themselves to their opposite number and to the opposing team's coach.
9. Please keep to social distancing guidelines when at the venue and in particular when pitch side. Groups of no more than 6 or two households please.
10. Please use the hand sanitizer, which will be provided in a prominent position by each pitch.

During Games

1. Players should avoid goal celebrations and must NOT spit.
2. Footballs should be cleaned during breaks in during games.
3. The FA guidance specifies that coaches may not attend an injured player unless he or she suffers "life or limb-threatening injuries". Coaches will not therefore be able to apply the usual basic medical treatments which are sometimes used. Parents/guardians will be permitted onto the field of play to assist a player from their own household where needed. When the parent / guardian considers that the player is well enough to resume play they should send the player around the pitch to the coaching area so that the coach may reintroduce the player to the match.
4. Goalposts and nets will be cleaned after the match prior to being packed away in the bag.
5. There should be no shaking of hands between teams prior to, or after, the fixture. We strongly encourage a socially distanced friendly gesture (for example, a "thumbs-up" or a wave) between both teams before and after the games.

After Games

1. Socially distance after games when addressing players, ensure your equipment where possible is not touched by any players.
2. Clean all used equipment promptly.
3. All players should sanitise their hands prior to leaving.

Goal Assembly / Dismantling

1. Goals and corner flag posts must be cleaned before they are returned to the bag after the match.
2. Individuals must avoid touching more components of each goal or flag than is absolutely necessary.
3. Where practical the individuals who assemble each goal should be the ones who disassemble it after the match.
4. Where practical the individuals who install each flagpost should be the ones who remove it after the match.
5. Respect lines should be marked by cones on the ground rather than by roped-off posts with the exception of the rope alongside pitch 1 which prevents people from walking over the pitch.
6. The numbers of individuals entering each storage container should be kept to the absolute minimum for the moving of the necessary equipment.

GUIDANCE FOR MATCH COVID OFFICER

A Match Covid Officer must be assigned for each team prior to the fixture, as is normally the case for a Match Day Delegate. The same person can fulfil both roles, and it can change every match. The role is normally fulfilled by one of the players' parents.

The Match Covid Officer is responsible for confirming that:

1. Hand Sanitiser is available pitch side.
2. Advising all that the NHS Test and Trace QR code is available at the location and can be scanned if you have the app on your phone
3. Both teams' coaches are keeping an accurate record of who is attending the game for their team.
4. All Parents, Players, Officials, Referees have informed the coach(es) of their presence at the game.
5. Social distancing guidelines are being complied with and that parents / supporters stay in groups of no more than 6 or two households.
6. Coaches understand their responsibility where applicable to delete the attendance records after 21 days and only to use the records in compliance with legitimate Covid "track and trace" procedures.