



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Pre-Match Protocol and information for Meadowbank, Woodham Road, SS11 7QU

COVID OFFICER: Helen Pasquale (Tel 07791870653)

Every effort is being taken to minimise the risk of COVID 19 infection to players, coaches, spectators and any member of the public who use the Meadowbank grass pitches at Meadowcroft Garden Centre. Please follow this protocol and inform the club COVID officer if there are any additional risks immediately.

Arrival Time: Please arrive at exactly the time your manager tells you. There will be a small designated place for you to warm up. Please follow clear instructions from a member of SWFU.

Facilities available: There are no changing rooms available at these pitches. Please ensure that players are already in their kit and have used the toilet before travelling to the game. There are no toilet facilities, the nearest toilets are located inside Meadowcroft Garden Centre but are not for the use of our club.

Covid-19 symptoms: no player, coach or spectator should travel to a match if they are displaying one or more of the following symptoms:

- Persistent dry cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

Entrance to pitches: Your SWFU manager should inform you, prior to the match, how and where to enter the pitch. This entrance must be used by your whole team. Players and coaches must use the hand sanitiser available at the entrance.

On arrival: You must make yourself known to the SWFU manager as soon as you arrive and they will show you which pitch you will be using, where to place belongings and where to warm up. Where possible, social distancing should be maintained at all times and use of equipment should be kept to a minimum. There are limited handwashing facilities, hand sanitiser is available but we also recommend that you bring your own. All players and coaches must sanitise their hands on arrival and during breaks of play. We also ask that you 'Check-in' using our track and trace app and the NHS QR code; QR codes are located at the entrance.

Equipment: Only SWFU coaches are permitted to touch goals, corner flags and any other equipment necessary for the match to play. Please bring your own set of Linesman flags for your linesman to use, if necessary.

Spectators: Where possible, please limit the number of spectators arriving at the ground- we recommend one spectator per player due to the possible number of matches being played. On arrival

all spectators should ensure that they 'Check in' using our track and trace app. QR codes are located on the tables at the entrance of the pitch. Simply open your camera on smart phone, hover over and click on the pop up that should appear. Enter a parent name (only one per family) and details which will be stored securely on the Sprout App and destroyed after 21 days or as per government guidance. They must also use the NHS track and trace QR code, in line with FA guidance (24th September 2020 onwards).

Currently (Monday 14th September 2020 onwards) government guidance states groups should be limited to 6 people. Please ensure your spectators are aware of this rule and follow it at all times.

Social Distancing: All players and coaches should be socially distanced before and after the match as well as during breaks of play i.e. half time. Match day benches should not be used at this current time. You should not enter any other pitch or come into contact with any other team.

Spectators should also maintain social distancing and not enter the Meadowbank pitches at any time. Spectators must remain inside the spectator zone, clearly marked by coned boxes. Spectators who are not following social distancing guidance may be asked to leave the venue.

Thank you for your support!