



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Pre-Match Protocol and information for Compass gardens & Saltcoats Pitches

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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 Compass Gardens and/or Saltcoats Park football pitches. Please follow this protocol and inform the club COVID officer if there are any additional risks immediately.

Arrival Time: Please arrive a maximum of 30 minutes before your kick-off time and no earlier than this due to our strict social distancing measures

Facilities available: There are no changing rooms or toilets available at these pitches. Please ensure that players are already in their kit and have used the toilet before travelling to the game. The nearest available toilets are not maintained by the club and therefore users do so at their own risk.

Entrance to pitches: Your SWFU manager should inform you, prior to the match, which entrance you need to use to enter the pitches. There are three entrances at Compass Gardens; entrance 1 is (as you look at the field from the carpark) the entrance furthest left; entrance 2 is in the middle with the skate park directly to your right; entrance 3 is nearest the basketball court, furthest right as you look at the field. This is also the entrance your spectators need to use. Saltcoats has a separate carpark and 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. You must 'Check-in' using our track and trace app **and** the NHS track and trace app, QR codes are located on the entrance tables.

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 **and** the NHS track and trace app as per FA guidance (24th September 2020). QR codes are located on the tables at the entrance of each 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.

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 at all times and avoid crossing pitches and training areas of other teams. Spectators must remain inside the spectator zone (marked by cones) and not enter the pitch at any time.