

## **West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC COVID-19 Risk Assessment FAQs**

This document acts as a COVID-19 Risk Assessment for those in attendance at 2020/21 West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC ('the club') pre-season fixtures at Brookburn Road. This includes players, managers, coaches, match officials, club officials and volunteers.

Pre-season fixtures are to be played behind closed doors with strictly no spectators in attendance.

### **Members of my family always travel with me to matches to watch me play. Will they still be allowed into the grounds to watch the behind closed doors?**

No. The FA guidelines are clear in that spectators are not allowed to watch matches behind closed doors. Parents or Guardians of players under 18 may be permitted, however this will be limited to one adult.

### **How should I travel to the game, and who should I travel with?**

We strongly advise players, managers, coaches, match officials, club officials and volunteers to arrive at Brookburn Road on their own, whether by their own vehicle or by foot, unless they're in a 'bubble' with other match goers. Avoiding public transport if possible is also strongly advised, but if necessary PPE should be worn as per government guidance.

### **How can I be sure that access to Brookburn Road is safe and the only people in attendance are the ones who should or need to be there?**

The main gates to Brookburn Road will be staffed by club COVID officers with an agreed list of attending players, managers, coaches, match officials, club officials and volunteers. All individuals who need to be in attendance must confirm so at least 24 hours before a fixture kicks off with the club, with opposing club secretaries liaising with their counterpart at West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC. Club officials and volunteers will also be placed at strategic points around Brookburn Road to avoid non-essential match goers being in attendance.

### **Should I bring my own PPE to Brookburn Road?**

Yes. The club advises all match goers to arrive with their own PPE, such as gloves and face coverings. It is not hygienic or safe for the club to hand out PPE once at Brookburn Road. Hand sanitiser will be available at different locations around Brookburn Road.

### **When should I turn up to Brookburn Road ahead of a pre-season fixture?**

Players, managers, coaches and match officials are instructed to not arrive at Brookburn Road until at least one hour before kick-off. Club staff, officials and volunteers are instructed to not arrive until at least 90 minutes before kick-off.

### **Will the clubhouse be open before, during or after pre-season fixtures?**

No. The risk of infection transmission is far greater indoors. The changing facilities will remain closed until the extra measures imposed on Greater Manchester have been lifted. However, the toilets will remain open, with access controlled by a club COVID officer.

**I will need a shower after the match. Will the changing facilities be in operation?**

No. The risk of infection transmission is far greater indoors. The changing facilities will remain closed until the extra measures imposed on Greater Manchester have been lifted.

**Will equipment will be cleaned, and if so how will it be cleaned?**

Match balls will be disinfected pre-match and at regular intervals during the game. Corner flags will also be disinfected before each match, at half-time and full-time.

**How will club staff, officials and volunteers at Brookburn Road be protected, thus safeguarding me?**

All club staff, officials and volunteers are advised to wear face coverings at all times. Hand sanitiser will be available at different locations around Brookburn Road.