

Requests to visiting football teams – 10/09/20

All visiting teams are requested to follow the guidance outlined below when playing matches at the home ground of Cholsey Bluebirds FC (located at OX109LP, in the Cholsey village recreation ground).

Getting to Cholsey - Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we would request that visitors minimise the use of public transport when getting to our ground and we encourage other means of transport when attending matches, noting that people from a household or support bubble can travel together in a single vehicle. We recommend minimising the number of people attending matches. People who drive to matches in Cholsey must avoid blocking the entrances to homes on Station Road. Also, noting the pressure on parking at the Cholsey Village Pavilion (OX10 9PT) which is limited, we encourage people, especially on Saturdays, to park in the car park of St Marys Church (OX10 9PP) or the Red Lion pub (OX10 9LG), both of which are a short walk from our ground.

Actions to minimise COVID-19 risks – All visitors are asked to follow the guidance below, which is based on the latest formal guidance from the FA and from Government:

- If you show any symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home, inform NHS Test and Trace and seek medical advice.
- Bring your own labelled water bottle and hand sanitiser and wash your hands before and after a game.
- Team talk huddles should not take place. Team talks can take place, as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors. Warm-ups should also observe social distancing protocols
- Where possible, maintain social distancing at all times. This will not be possible in a competitive match environment (for example when tackling an opponent) and that is acceptable. However, before and after a game, you should maintain social distancing.
- Visiting managers (on behalf of their teams) and all spectators must check in with our 'Test & Trace' process on arrival at the ground by scanning the QR code located on A-frame signs positioned at the pitch side.
- Supporters, parents, and other spectators must remain socially distanced whilst attending events. Spectator groups must be restricted to discrete six person gathering limits and must spread out, observing the 2 metre social distancing rule, in line with wider government guidance.
- Do not spit. Spitting and the rinsing out of mouths is now a recognised risk to health and must not be done. Avoid shouting or raising your voice if face to face with other players.
- Note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, Cholsey Bluebirds FC is not currently operating a tuck shop
- Access to the Cholsey Bluebirds pavilion is for use of the welfare facilities only and there is a one way system in place – Enter as normal through the front door and exit out the back door – directional markers on the floor will show you the way. Please use the hand sanitiser which is provided within the pavilion entrance upon entry and when leaving the building.
- Footballs should not be touched by non-players (i.e. if kicked into touch, players should retrieve balls not spectators)
- Note that Cholsey Bluebirds FC cannot entirely 'police' the actions of all individuals so we ask everyone to follow COVID-19 safety guidance voluntarily, for their own benefit but also to support the health and wellbeing of anyone else who may be attending a game.
- Where possible, injured players should be attended to by their parents or guardians, if in attendance. Where this is not possible, visiting managers should attend to injured players, whilst wearing mask and gloves that they will need to bring.

Note also that guidance for our own managers at Cholsey FC and our COVID-19 risk assessment can be found at <http://www.cholseybluebirdsfc.co.uk/policiesdocuments-2021.html>. This document will be kept under review in response to subsequent guidance from the FA and from Government.

Many thanks in advance for adhering to this guidance and we look forward to welcoming you to Cholsey.

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