



21st July 2020

Dear Players and Parents / Guardians,

We trust this letter finds you all safe and well?

As you are all aware, we wrote to you on the 20th March that grassroots football had been indefinitely suspended by the FA due to the Coronavirus outbreak and we obviously made the decision to close the Youth Section based on this guidance. We don't think anybody thought how different life would be at this point going forward. On June 1st we were advised we could return in small groups and the committee spent a lot of time ensuring we could provide a safe environment including different gates to enter and leave the playing area, the 4 teams accessing the pitch through different areas, hand sanitisers, reducing session times and more drink breaks. A risk assessment, return to training guide and a disclaimer should have been issued to you all. The players and coaches have abided by rules of which we are thankful.

On Saturday 18th July, the FA advised that providing we as a club are happy we can return to competitive training and groups of up to 30 and the intention that the season can look to commence the weekend of 12th September. We are naturally delighted that we can try and bring football back in the right format to our players and are pleased to confirm that "normal" training will return as of Monday 27th July. Social distancing around before, half time and full time remains as before, while parents while watching will be allowed into the ground but can not be in more than groups of 6, with current government guidance on social distancing to the next group. Players and parents must complete a form at each training and match day for NHS track and trace procedure. ALL training will remain at the club to aid our track and trace procedure. The coach will then send this to our club welfare officer to update our records. Our decisions may not suit all and we will support any manager, coach, player or parent that does not want to return at this time. We ask that all parents abide by the documents issued and discuss with their children what to expect.

In terms of the new season, as I have mentioned our leagues have been advised that they can commence after 12th September. Some will have bigger challenges than others to meet this and we may have staggered starts to the season but we will keep you informed through your manager if things change.

In regard to subscription fees for the 2020/21 season, our fees will be U7-U12 £170; U13 above £180 and training only £120, with a sibling discount of £15 per player for players registered for games. We have done our utmost to keep the cost down and we still remain one of the cheapest clubs locally. Unfortunately with us unable to do any fundraising to facilitate reduced subscriptions and also having the issue of legal fees and cleaning up after the travellers had stayed on the club grounds and pitch maintenance, we have been unable to hold

or discount last seasons fees. This is the lowest cost we can do and based on everyone paying for their child. Subscriptions will be made via the FAMatchday app (of which you will need to download) which links into PayPal and will be based on

U7-U12

Player registration fee	£50.00 paid by 1st September 2020
6 monthly installments	£20.00 paid on the 1st of each month from 1st October 2020.

U13- U18

Player registration fee	£60.00 paid by 1st September 2020
6 monthly installments	£20.00 paid on the 1st of each month from 1st October 2020

Training Only

6 monthly payments of £20 paid on the 1st of each month from 1st September 2020

Any reduction for sibling discount will be taken from the final payments. There is no reduction if one of the siblings train only.

Ideally and if you can do so, it benefits the club (and managers in particular) to get the payments made as soon as possible. If a payment is missed, that player will not be selected for matches & asked to not attend training sessions until such time the payment is made or that the committee are advised of any issue in regard to the payment and determine a suitable payment agreement.

We maintained that we will have a presentation day for the 2019/20 season and the trophies are due this week and will arrange this before the start of the new season.

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We wish to thank you for your continued support of our players, coaches and the club and look forward to the 2020/21 season

On behalf of the committees of
Lichfield City Football Club.