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1. Version History

Date	Version	Notes	Author
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2. Introduction

This document serves to outline the procedures in place to allow Windsor Football Club to safely host home games this season during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This document is available for download from <http://www.windsorfc.net/covid/Windsor FC Covid-19 Guidelines and Risk Assessment - V2.0.pdf>.

3. Notable Officers

Chairman:-	Kevin Stott	foundingdirector@windsorfc.net
Secretary:-	Dean Morrison	secretary@windsorfc.net
Manager:-	Mark Cooper	manager@windsorfc.net
Covid-19:	Malcolm Williams	mal@windsorfc.net

4. General Information

- Prior to entry to Stag Meadow, everyone will have their temperature taken. In the event that anyone has a temperature in excess of 38°C, they should not be admitted to the ground (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-adults/>)
- Everyone entering Stag Meadow will be expected to use hand sanitiser upon entry to the ground. There is hand sanitiser once inside the clubhouse. The clubhouse toilets also have anti-bacterial hand soap and sanitiser.
- A nominated officer from the club will relay these guidelines to visiting clubs to ensure they are familiar with them
- Any team playing at Stag Meadow will be required to supply Track & Trace information no later than 24 hours before a match.
- All club members are reminded to check the current government guidelines which are available from <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> as well as the up to date FA regulations which are available from <https://www.thefa.com/news/2020/dec/01/fa-guidance-on-return-to-grassroots-football-011220>
- Maintaining social distancing is the responsibility of everyone entering the ground. Guidance and behavioural expectations of spectators will be available upon entry to Stag Meadow and the clubhouse.

5. Pre-Match

- Windsor FC reserves the right to refuse entry to any person not named on the provided attendance list.
- The individual clubs are responsible for any member of their club who is attending the match to self-assess before travelling.
- Access to the changing rooms will be assessed on a match by match basis. Should access be granted to the changing rooms it will be on a restricted basis. Only a maximum of 12 people at a time will be allowed in the home and away changing rooms at anyone one time. A maximum of 3 will be allowed in the Officials changing room.
- Everyone is to maintain a 2 meter distance when off the pitch. This will require an area at the front of the stand for each team to allow for substitutes.
- All team talks should take place either on the pitch or on the training ground.

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- Any pre-match discussions with match officials should take place on the pitch.
- Players should not be sharing water bottles and should therefore bring their own clearly labelled water bottle.
- The bar will be not be open to anyone pre-match with the exception for access to the toilets.

6. During Match

- Players and substitutes should collect any balls that go out of play.
- Any ball that is replaced during the match will be suitable sanitised before being used again.
- The bar will be not be open to anyone during the match with the exception for access to the toilets.

7. Post-Match

- Showers will be available on the basis of no more than 3 at a time in the home dressing room and no more than 2 at a time in the away dressing room. The shower in the Officials changing room will only allow one person at a time.
- There is to be no socialising after the game and all players, staff and spectators are requested to the leave the ground as soon as possible after the match is completed.
- The bar will be not be open to anyone post-match.

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10. Risk Assessment

Assessment Type	COVID-19 Risk Assessment		
Location	Windsor FC, Stag Meadow, St Leonards Road, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 3DR		
Team	All		
Completed By	Malcolm Williams	Position	COVID-19 Officer
Checked By	Kevin Stott	Position	Chairman
Checked By	Dean Morrison	Position	Club Secretary
Effective From	12 th August 2020		
Next Review	12 th December 2020		

General Control Measures

- A copy of this risk assessment will be with the Head Coach.
- All staff have had a site specific induction.
- All staff are trained to a minimum 3 hour first aid standard.
- All staff are CRB Checked.
- A fully stocked first aid kit is always available.
- A mobile phone is always available for contact with the emergency services.

Reporting Accidents / Incidents

- If an accident/incident occurs at the session coaches are to follow WFC report procedure below:
- Please report ALL incidents and accidents by:
 - Completing an accident/incident report form which the club will keep on file.

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Passing on COVID-19	Symptomatic prior to attending venue (or attending an away match)	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers Spectators Bar / Catering Staff	<p>All players, officials, volunteers, and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any Covid-19- symptoms prior to leaving home.</p> <p>No-one should leave home to participate in or watch football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high temperature (above 37.8C) • A new, continuous cough • A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste. <p>Anyone displaying the above symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days and initiate track and trace as per Government guidance.</p> <p>Thermometer at the Football Club is available for all players, officials, staff and spectators.</p> <p>Everyone entering Stag Meadow will have their temperature taken.</p> <p>No-one should leave home to participate in or watch football if they have returned to the UK from a non-travel corridor within the past 14 days.</p> <p>These travel corridors are subject to change and guidance is available at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors</p>	<p>Relevant team manager to advise players and coaching staff.</p> <p>Club Secretary to advise visiting team and officials.</p> <p>Bar, catering and volunteer staff to be advised by department managers.</p>		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Travel to venue	Players Coaching staff Match Officials Club Officials Volunteers Spectators Bar / Catering Staff	<p>Where possible travel to games should not be made via public transport.</p> <p>Players, coaching staff, officials and spectators should arrange to travel to venue independently wherever possible.</p> <p>If carshare is unavoidable, where possible travel within your own support bubbles.</p> <p>Essential club staff and players are permitted to travel between all tiers.</p> <p>Spectators are permitted to travel between tiers 1 & 2 but must not travel to or from tier 3.</p> <p>Coach travel should be avoided wherever possible.</p> <p>Where coach travel is required, the following precautions should be taken:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks should be worn on the coach by all • Use seating arrangements that maximises distance between people • Limit time spent during any stops at motorway services, petrol stations, etc • Wash hands or sanitise each time you enter or exit the coach • Maintain 2m social distancing where possible 			Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	On arrival at Stag Meadow	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers Spectators Bar / Catering Staff	Signage will be displayed to direct players and officials to changing areas. Signs will be displayed at ground entrance to remind everyone of both social distancing as well as government hygiene guidelines.	KS to arrange suitable signage for the entrance to the ground. Signage must be in place before 1 st game can be played.	Consider possible one way system around the ground.	

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Training	Players Coaching staff Club Officials	<p>Competitive training can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting provided this takes place in groups of no more than 30 (including coaches). Sessions may include multiple groups of 30 where groups can be socially distanced from each other.</p> <p>Any spectators at training sessions (including parents and carers) must be restricted to discrete six-person gathering limits and spread out, in line with wider government guidance, ensuring space for officials, coaches and substitutes.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser should be used at the start and end of each training session. Players encouraged to bring their own hand sanitiser although club will also make sanitiser available for all.</p> <p>Sharing of essential equipment is permitted and participants should bring their own drinks or refreshments clearly marked with their name.</p>			Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Changing Rooms	<p>Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers</p>	<p>Players changing rooms should only be used for changing and showering and should be done so as quickly as possible.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 people will be permitted in the changing rooms at any one time.</p> <p>Match officials will be asked to ensure social distancing is observed whilst using their changing rooms.</p> <p>Showers, should they be required, will be restricted to 3 persons at any one time in the home changing room and 2 in the away changing room. The shower in the Officials changing room will only allow one person at a time.</p> <p>Changing rooms should be kept ventilated – windows should be left open.</p> <p>Outside spaces should be used for team meetings.</p> <p>Changing rooms should be sanitised prior to and following every game.</p> <p>Home team, away team and match officials should stagger leaving and entering the changing rooms at the start and finish of the match.</p>	<p>Relevant team manager to advise players and coaching staff.</p> <p>Club Secretary to advise visiting club and match officials.</p>	MW to create signage to go on outside of changing room.	Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Warm up areas	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials	Areas will be marked to allow socially distanced warmups for both home and away teams as well as match officials.	Relevant team manager to advise players and coaching staff. Club Secretary to advise visiting club and match officials.		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.
Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Match Officials (Team Sheets)	Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away)	Physical team sheets should not be shared between the officials or opposition where possible. This can be sent electronically via photo or e-mail if required.	Club Secretary to agree with match officials on how team sheets will be exchanged when confirming the match.		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.
Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Match Officials (Payment)	Match Officials Club Officials (Home)	Where possible, arrangements will be made for the payment to be paid electronically but should be communicated in advance to the match officials.	Club Secretary to agree with match officials on how payments will be made when confirming the match.		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Boardroom	Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Match Officials	Until further notice boardroom facilities will be closed. To be reviewed when Government relax restrictions. Until further notice, refreshments will not be provided for match officials or players after the match.	Club Secretary to advise visiting club and match officials when confirming the game.	Entrance to the Boardroom to remain locked to ensure no unauthorised access.	Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.
Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Pre-Match Handshake	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials	Any pre-match handshake between players, coaches and match officials is suspended until restrictions are changed.	Relevant team manager to advise players and coaching staff. Club Secretary to advise visiting club and match officials.		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Match Equipment (balls, bibs, etc.)	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers Spectators	<p>Equipment (balls, substitute's bibs, cones, corner poles, goalposts & pitch railings) must be regularly wiped down with appropriate cleaning equipment and cleaned thoroughly cleaned after every training session or match.</p> <p>Balls leaving the field of play should not be handled by spectators.</p> <p>Anyone handling the ball outside the field of play should sanitise their hands.</p> <p>Any ball leaving the field of play and touched by anyone other than players should be sanitised before re-use.</p> <p>Any ball leaving the enclosed pitch area or ground should be sanitised before re-use.</p>	<p>All bibs to be washed immediately after the game along with the playing kit.</p> <p>All cones and poles to be sprayed and wiped once they have been used prior to being put back into storage.</p> <p>All balls to be wiped prior to the game and any ball that leave the field of play to be taken directly to the home dugout where it will be sanitised.</p>		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Technical Area	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away)	In line with FA laws and competition rules, only authorised people will be allowed in the dugouts. Users of the dugouts will be expected to maintain social distancing. Should it be required, additional seating for coaches and substitutes will be made available at the front of the main stand. Dugouts will be sanitised before and after the match.	Relevant team manager to advise players and coaching staff. Club Secretary to advise visiting club and match officials.		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Bar Area	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers Spectators	The bar area will be closed to all persons on matchdays with exception for toilet access. When open there will be a one way system in place. Laminated guidance for spectators to be secured to the bar and each table.	Signage to be placed both inside and outside the clubhouse to explain this to supporters. Floor markings required to help maintain social distancing while queueing at the bar. One way system to be clearly marked. Guidance for spectators to be created		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Toilets	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers Spectators	<p>Toilets for player, coaches and match officials are located in the relevant changing rooms.</p> <p>Toilets for supporters and volunteers are located in the clubhouse. The toilets under the stand will be closed until further notice.</p> <p>The toilets are to be deep cleaned before each match / booking by the club cleaners.</p> <p>All toilet areas will be stocked with appropriate levels of toilet paper, hand towels, soap and hand sanitiser.</p>	<p>KS to ensure that cleaners are aware.</p> <p>KS to ensure that suitable stocks of toilet paper, hand towels, soap and hand sanitiser are available.</p> <p>KS to ensure that suitable dispensing units are in place.</p>		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Turnstiles	Volunteers Spectators	<p>Spectators will be allowed into the ground based upon FA and Government guidelines.</p> <p>Spectators will be requested to use hand sanitiser before entering the turnstiles.</p> <p>All entrance fees will be paid via on-line ticket sales.</p> <p>The NHS COVID-19 Track and Trace app is in use and available to download from the App Store and Google Play. All spectators will be expected to scan the QR Code at the turnstiles before entry. In the event that a spectator wishes to gain entry to the ground, and does not have access to a smart phone, there will be a paper alternative</p> <p>Turnstile operators will be provided with the relevant PPE.</p> <p>Where possible 2m social distancing marks will be made outside the turnstiles.</p> <p>Signs detailing social distancing rules and Government hygiene guidelines will be displayed outside and inside the ground.</p>	<p>KS to ensure that appropriate PPE is available.</p> <p>KS to arrange appropriate signage before spectators are allowed into Stag Meadow.</p> <p>MW to setup contactless payment.</p>	<p>Contingency required should a game be abandoned and spectators require a refund.</p> <p>Online ticket sales now in place.</p>	Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Spectator Area	Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Volunteers Spectators	Spectators will be allowed into the ground based upon FA and Government guidelines. Ground signage will be displayed at the entrance to remind people:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of 2m social distancing requirements • Not to handle the ball • Avoid touching any railings • Use hand sanitiser provided 	KS to arrange appropriate signage before spectators are allowed into Stag Meadow. Consider terrace markings at 2 metre intervals. Section off alternate rows of seats in the stand.		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Field Of Play	Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials	<p>Goal posts, corner poles, pitch railings should be wiped down before and after matches.</p> <p>Team talk huddles should not take place</p> <p>Participants must not spit and should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each other.</p> <p>During set plays, players are encouraged to avoid unnecessarily long set-up or close marking.</p> <p>Unnecessary contact during goal celebrations should be avoided.</p> <p>Players and coaches should bring their own water bottles, drinks, or refreshments.</p>	<p>Relevant team manager to advise players and coaching staff.</p> <p>Club Secretary to advise visiting club and match officials.</p>		Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.
Contracting or passing on COVID-19	Tea Bar	Spectators	<p>The Tea Bar will remain closed as per Government guidelines.</p> <p>The clubhouse kitchen will be not be operational.</p>		There is currently no easy way to implement a one way system without impacting on the bar, toilets or boardroom.	Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	First Aid (Pitch Side)	<p>Players (Home) Coaching staff (Home) Players (Away) Coaching staff (Away) Match Officials</p>	<p>Injured players or officials should only receive treatment from the home or away team physio / first aider.</p> <p>Physio / first aider should be familiar with the First Aid Guidance in the FA's Return to Grass Roots Football document.</p> <p>When treating an injured player, the physio / first aider should follow PPE guidance in line with Public Health England (PHE). A list should be kept of all injuries treated.</p> <p>Before and after putting on or removing PPE, the physio / first aider should thoroughly clean or sanitise their hands.</p> <p>PPE should be disposed of safely after use.</p> <p>In an emergency situation, where suitable PPE is not available, the responder must consider the potential risks to both themselves and the player and decide what level of care they feel is reasonable, or what level of care they are able to provide in the absence of PPE. This may include providing no assistance at all until the ambulance arrives or until appropriate PPE is made available.</p>			Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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Contracting or passing on COVID-19	First Aid (General)	Club Officials (Home) Club Officials (Away) Spectators Volunteers	<p>When treating an injury, the physio / first aider should follow PPE guidance in line with Public Health England (PHE). A list should be kept of all injuries treated.</p> <p>Before and after putting on or removing PPE, the physio / first aider should thoroughly clean or sanitise their hands.</p> <p>PPE should be disposed of safely after use.</p> <p>In an emergency situation, where suitable PPE is not available, the responder must consider the potential risks to both themselves and the player and decide what level of care they feel is reasonable, or what level of care they are able to provide in the absence of PPE. This may include providing no assistance at all until the ambulance arrives or until appropriate PPE is made available.</p>			Ongoing based upon Government and FA guidelines.

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