



**BFC & BLC RISK ASSESSMENT - COVID-19**  
**RA SPECIFIC TO MANAGEMENT OF TRIAL & SELECTION PROCESS – 2021**  
**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

**Identified hazard:** Spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

**Who does this risk assessment (RA) identify as potentially being harmed as a result of this hazard?**

- Applicants (current Yr 11s)
- Buxton FC & BLC Staff
- Existing Students (if in attendance)
- Vulnerable groups – elderly, pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE CONTROLS IDENTIFIED IN THIS RISK ASSESSMENT ARE TO BE UPHELD ALONGSIDE:

- ALL OTHER MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN BOTH THE CLUB AND COLLEGE RISK ASSESSMENTS REGARDING COVID-19 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
  - Hand washing & sanitising
  - Social distancing
  - Covid Symptoms
  - Mental Health & Safeguarding
  - Use of toilet facilities
  - Travel & movement around the ground
- THE BUXTON FC COVID PROCEDURE

**\*\*Please also note that due to the ever-changing landscape surrounding Covid-19 and the ongoing government updates and amendments, these precautionary measures are subject to change frequently and at any given time depending on government guidelines, advice and updates\*\***

Controls Required & In Place	Additional Controls	Action by whom?	By when?	Done?
<b>Before trial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invite letter to include following info re: Covid-19 measures attendees must be aware of:</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invite letter to make it clear that if an applicant elects not to attend a trial at this point it will not in any way impact their chances and there will be</li></ul>	Ella	15.03.2021	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When you arrive please wait at the entrance to the Clubhouse (on the right as you enter the ground) where you will be met &amp; registered</li> <li>- The pitch session will take place in accordance with the Club's current procedure and risk assessment for competitive play which is fully compliant with FA guidance and can be found here: <a href="http://www.buxtonfc.co.uk/covid-19">www.buxtonfc.co.uk/covid-19</a> - please read through this before the trial</li> <li>- Please wash your hands in the toilets to the right of the entrance before proceeding any further into the ground</li> <li>- Arrive in your own kit and bring boots, socks and shin pads with you, changing room facilities will not be available and you will need to bring your own water bottle</li> <li>- To help us minimise the number of people we have on-site <b>please do not bring anyone with you on the day</b></li> </ul>	other trial dates they can attend (Covid-permitting) – need to ensure there is no pressure to attend if a player/their family doesn't currently feel comfortable doing so	J	19.10.20	Done
<b>On arrival at the ground</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendees to be asked to wash hands and/or use sanitiser on entry – table to be set up at entrance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration to be carried out by a staff member wearing a face shield and from a distance</li> </ul>	TBC	On the day	
<b>Presentation Section of the Evening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendee numbers to be limited for each trial (previously 40) agreed 15 (no parent/guardian) can more than be sensibly and safely be accommodated in the Clubhouse</li> <li>• Seating arrangement to be set out so one applicant sits per table</li> <li>• Presenters to ensure social distancing is respected when standing at the front</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite letter has been amended to inform attendees they cannot bring anyone with them</li> </ul>	J	15.03.21	
<b>Competitive Play/Practical Trial Section of the Evening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching Staff only will be allowed in the technical area/dugouts, any players not on the pitch are to sit in the Main stand (or other allocated space) with appropriate social distancing measures</li> <li>• Pre-match handshake must not happen. Players to hand-sanitise before kick-off</li> <li>• Team talk/huddles must not take place. Team talks can take place as long as social distancing is observed and held outdoors where possible</li> <li>• Warm-ups/cool-downs should always observe social distancing</li> </ul>		All	On night	
		Staff/players	On night	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaches, other team staff and substitutes are allowed, but must also always observe social distancing on touchlines/dug outs. Social distancing must also be observed during interactions when a substitution is being made</li> <li>Water bottles should be used on a one player basis i.e. not shared with anyone else</li> <li>Set plays – free kicks: referees and coaches should encourage players to get on with the game and not unnecessarily prolong set play set-up, such as defensive walls</li> <li>Set plays – corners: should also be taken promptly to limit prolonged close marking and goal posts will be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half time</li> <li>Interactions with referees and match assistants should only happen with players observing social distancing</li> <li>Referee will direct each team to the pitch separately pre-match and for the second half.</li> <li>Players and officials should sanitise hands before and after a game as well as scheduled breaks throughout a game or training session</li> <li>Similarly post-match social distancing should be observed with each team leaving the pitch separately.</li> <li>Ball handling should be kept to a minimum with most contact via a boot and the ball is to be disinfected in breaks of play. Sanitised balls will be positioned around the perimeter for use once the active ball goes out of play</li> <li>Goal celebrations should be avoided</li> <li>Equipment should not be shared, and goalkeepers should ensure they disinfect their gloves regularly in breaks in training or matches and thoroughly afterwards. Where possible, coaches should only handle equipment in training</li> </ul>				
<p><b><u>Injuries/Emergencies</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a player is injured this should be dealt with initially by the Coach/First Aider, a mask should be worn for the assessment and treatment due to the proximity required to do so</li> <li>Others will need to socially distance during the assessment/treatment</li> <li>Should the injury be serious or life threatening this may necessitate compromising guidelines to provide emergency care, i.e. rapid involvement of other people.</li> </ul>	3	Staff/First Aider	All on night	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First-aiders are equipped with the appropriate PPE (including face coverings) to protect themselves and others if they need to compromise social distancing guidelines to provide medical assistance.</li> <li>Should the injury require medical intervention i.e. travel to the hospital, their parent/guardian should be notified immediately and all normal safeguarding measures should be upheld, masks should be worn by all involved when travelling to/from and whilst at the hospital.</li> <li>In all cases, NHS guidance on further management should be followed</li> </ul>				
<b>Hand Washing &amp; Sanitising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place</li> <li>Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available, as per FA guidance</li> <li>Entry and exit anti-bacterial gel to be provided &amp; used by players, staff and visitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poster displays as a reminder to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – follow <b>Catch it, Bin it, Kill it</b> and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth</li> </ul>	Robert Turner	With immediate effect from 01.08.20	Yes
<b>Social Distancing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure social distancing procedures are in place - reducing the number of persons in any area to comply with the 2- metre (6.5 foot) gap recommended by the Public Health Agency</li> <li>Socially distanced entry/exit system that adheres to the government guidelines. Visible distance floor markings, tape and/or banners or graphics to the same purpose. Where possible, outdoor entry/exit is deemed best practice (in place at BFC)</li> <li>Session plan to ensure the number of staff on site both complies with safeguarding practice and also government guidelines on permitted group sizes</li> <li>Any additional players (from current squad) present on night must have negative Covid test (required for attendance at Academy anyway)</li> <li>Staff to arrive early for trial sessions in order to risk assess, clean and prepare session</li> <li>Session plans have been reformatted to ensure that all training sessions follow FA Guidance</li> <li>Venue has implemented safe practice for car parking to reduce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poster reminders – in place at grounds</li> <li>Staff/players to be reminded regularly at trials of the importance of social distancing</li> <li>Staff on-site at trials to ensure spectators stick to guidelines and distancing</li> <li>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through Line Managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support staff/players in a fast-changing situation</li> <li>To further support distancing, applicants required to being only one parent/guardian with them</li> </ul>	Mark S J/Staff  All staff  J  Coaches  All staff  Coaches	01.08.20 On night  On night  On night  On night  On night	

distance where possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Venue has clearly marked spectator zones taking into consideration the 2m distance government guidance.</li> </ul>				
<b>Toilet Facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to social distancing and safeguarding, staff and players should plan accordingly when considering toilet breaks. Where possible, visits to the toilet should be made prior to the start or after the end of the sessions.</li> <li>Regular cleaning of toilet facilities will be carried out by venue staff.</li> <li>When in toilets, all attending are to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain social distancing</li> <li>Avoid of congestion</li> <li>Maintain good hygiene</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor the effectiveness of all measures introduced, especially at peak times. Be prepared to adjust accordingly.</li> <li>Train workers to promote compliance to facility users.</li> <li>Train workers to report / deal with issues of non-compliance.</li> </ul>	Robert Turner/ Mark Shenton	On-going from 01.08.20	Done

### Useful Links

COVID-19 poster - [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/876220/COVID19\\_Guidance\\_Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876220/COVID19_Guidance_Education.pdf)

Managing premises - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-school-premises-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/managing-school-premises-which-arepartially-open-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak#other-points-to-consider> (applicable to May 31st)

Guidance on infection prevention and control for COVID-19 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control>

First aid guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-guidance-for-first-respondersand-others-in-close-contact-with-symptomatic-people-with-potential-2019-ncov>

Cleaning of non-healthcare settings - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

Current guidance from the government – <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance from Staffordshire FA for re-starting football activities <http://www.staffordshirefa.com/news/2020/jun/12/new-guidance-documents-issued-for-re-starting-footballactivity-during-covid-19>

Advice from Club Matters - <https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/>