



## **Next Generation Soccer Schools - Summer Holiday 2020 - COVID Safe Plan**

This document sets out the guidelines that will allow the Next Generation Soccer Schools Summer Holiday 2020 programme to run in a COVID Safe way. All coaches, parents and children will be asked to follow the guidelines below to ensure that the Soccer Schools are able to run safely and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Government and scientific advice suggests that the spread of COVID is much less likely outside. As our soccer schools are already held outside, we are confident that we can make the necessary adjustments to ensure the sessions will be able to run safely but still remain a happy and enjoyable experience for your child.

The coaches will set clear expectations with the children about the safety measures at the start of the day and they will be reminded regularly throughout the day. We have adapted the planned games / activities to ensure that we keep contact to a minimum.

We do, however, recognise that there may be times when the children are closer than two metres but will do all we can to limit this wherever possible. By completing the application form and sending children to the soccer school parents understand that we will do everything in our capability to stop the spread of COVID but cannot guarantee this 100%.

**If government guidelines change and we are unable to run the summer holiday soccer school programme a full refund will be issued to all bookings.**

### **Booking onto Courses:**

All courses must be booked online, IN ADVANCE and paid in full via [www.next-generation-soccer-schools.co.uk](http://www.next-generation-soccer-schools.co.uk). No cash payments will be accepted. You will not be able to book places on the day of the course and no parent or child will be permitted access to the venue without pre-booking their place.

### **Clothing:**

Children will be required to attend in a clean, freshly laundered sports kit each day. Either football boots or trainers are suitable; shin pads should be worn during matches. Wet weather clothing and a tracksuit should be provided in a named bag, as we will be outside in all weather conditions. Sun hats should be worn by all children.

### **Suncream:**

Please apply suncream to children prior to drop off. Children can have their own suncream to re-apply during the day and this will need to be named and kept in their bag. Coaches will not be able to apply suncream to children.

### **Drop Off:**

When dropping children to our Soccer School, we ask that you remain at least two metres from other families and you leave your child/children as soon as they have been registered.

Once registered, the children will be grouped according to their age/ ability and remain in their "bubble" with one given coach for the duration of the day.

Coaches will be available to answer questions briefly – from a two metre distance - but it would be much easier if any questions or concerns were addressed before the soccer school by contacting Steve Potts on 07800 890413 or [stephenpotts@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenpotts@btinternet.com)

### **Soccer School Bubbles:**

Children will be allocated a soccer school "bubble" (group) before arrival, based on their age and ability. Each "bubble" will have its own coach and therefore they will not mix with the other group/ coach. In the case of an emergency, the group may be combined but the two metre rule will be carefully followed. We will try where possible to group the children in "bubbles" with their friends but will only be able to take requests BEFORE the start of the course by contacting Steve Potts on 07800 890413 or [stephenpotts@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenpotts@btinternet.com)

### **Games/Activities:**

Games / activities have been adapted to ensure that the children are well spaced out and able to keep the appropriate two metre distance without compromising on the fun and skill development you would expect at our soccer schools.

### **Hand Sanitising:**

We ask that all adults and children sanitise their hands as they arrive at Soccer School. There will be hand sanitiser made available, but it would be great if children could bring their own mini bottles to use throughout the day. Children will be asked to wash and sanitise their hands before and after every snack and lunch break, and before leaving the Soccer School at the end of the day.

### **Lunches, Snacks & Drinks:**

All children will need to bring an individually packed lunch, which will be kept in their own bag, as well as a snack and plenty of water in named water bottles. It will be possible for children to refill bottles at most venues but, if possible, please provide enough water for the whole day. Lunch and snack breaks will be outside where possible; if there is poor weather, lunch will be eaten inside but the children will remain in their "bubbles" and two metres apart.

### **Toys from Home:**

We are usually happy for children to bring books, sticker albums and football cards to play with during lunchtimes, but at this time we ask that these stay at home.

### **Toilet Facilities:**

Toilets will be available all day, at all venues, and will have been cleaned at the start of each day. Children will be allowed access to toilets one at a time whenever they need to go. Children will also be reminded to wash their hands.

## **First Aid:**

In the event of an injury, or emergency, coaches may need to break social distancing measures in order to keep the children safe. On these occasion, coaches will wear a face mask and ensure that hand washing and sanitising is done before and after attending to any injuries.

If children require medication during the day we ask that parents come to a safe area at the venue to administer to their children.

## **Collection:**

When collecting children from soccer school, please ensure that you stay two metres away from other families. Please stay a safe distance from the groups of children and wait around the edges of the venue pitches. At 3pm, coaches will ask all children to gather belongings and sit in their "bubbles"; children will then be released to the adult collecting them one at a time – ensuring a safe distance.

Coaches will be available to answer any quick questions, but again we ask that any concerns or longer questions are made by contacting Steve Potts on 07800 890413 or [stephenpotts@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenpotts@btinternet.com) after returning home.

## **After Soccer School:**

We recommend that children wash their hands and change clothes on their return from Soccer School and shower/bath if possible.

## **Symptoms:**

We ask that if children display any symptoms of COVID-19 that you inform us immediately and get tested as soon as possible. Children and families will then have to self-isolate for 14 days as per government guidelines.

If a child attending one of our soccer schools tests positive for COVID 19 we will inform all other children and coaches within their bubble and they should isolate for 14 days in line with government guidelines.

## **Coaches:**

All coaches will be briefed on the COVID Safe Measures that have been put in place and will have made their own way to the venue in private transport. Coaches will be socially distant with each other at all times and will also attend sessions in clean, freshly laundered clothing and use hand sanitiser before and after handling equipment, as well as before and after all breaks.

If you have any questions regarding the above guidelines please feel free to contact Steve Potts on 07800 890413 or [stephenpotts@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenpotts@btinternet.com)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting Next Generation Soccer Schools through this time. We can't wait to have a summer of footballing fun across all of our venues.