



**COVID-19:**  
**RETURN TO PLAY UPDATE**

**12.04.21**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a club we have been delighted with the news that we will be returning to training on the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. In the line with the current guidance in place we will be maintaining the protocols for training alongside the guidance for players, parents, and coaches that we have used previously. Please take some time to remind yourself of the protocols in place below as we need everyone's help to keep football running.

Below is a reminder of the protocols in place for Training & Matches:

**TRAINING**

There are a few key things to note as we get back to training:

- There will be a strict pick up and drop off policy in place for players.
- There will be no spectators allowed at any training venue or match. (Until we are advised by the IFA & NI Executive that it is appropriate to do so.)
- If Parents need to contact the Coach in charge of the session, they can do so via Text, WhatsApp, or Call. Lead Coaches will be available both prior to and after sessions for any queries.
- If a member of your household has been diagnosed with COVID 19 or is displaying these symptoms you must not attend training.
- Please make the Lead Coach aware if anyone in your household has been displaying symptoms or has been confirmed as being positive with Covid-19.
- Do not car share on the way to or from training with anyone outside your household.
- Players are expected to come to training with their own water bottle and hand sanitiser where possible.
- The use of a face mask before/during/after training is optional. Please be aware of any respiratory factors which may be need to be considered such as asthma etc.
- Ensure that social distancing guidance continues to be adhered to whilst off the field of play.
- Players will train in 'social bubbles' to ensure minimum contact with others.
- Players & Coaches should sanitise their hands both on entering and exiting the pitch.
- Players should arrive to the session in the appropriate clothing as there are no changing facilities available.
- If your child has additional disability or medical needs, please ensure that you have discussed this specifically with the club and coach; you can then agree how/if these needs can be met within current NI Executive guidance.

Training times/days may vary as we try to navigate our way back to playing. Your Lead Coach will notify you of any changes in advance.

**MATCHES**

In this current phase of return there will be no matches. We will only have training sessions for the moment until we move to the next phase of the roadmap laid out by the government. At this moment we

have had no further information about the league or cup competitions, and we await any plans they will have for over the spring and summer months.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

We are asking everyone to remain vigilant at this time to keep everyone in the C4C community safe. Although it is great to be back and we are making progress, we are dedicated to the protection of everyone in our care. Please remember that everyone has had a different experience of Covid-19 throughout this period and some are more apprehensive than others at the thought of training again. Regardless of your own view on this pandemic we are asking that everyone adheres to the guidelines so we can continue to create a safe environment for everyone.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the past year. It has been so encouraging to connect with our players and parents with every message, video, challenge and Zoom call. We are excited to see you all soon and get back to doing what we love.

We hope that you and your family will feel safe as we get back on the pitch. However, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issue further please contact our Covid-19 Officer – Rodney Weir.

You can contact Rodney by:

Email: [rodney@coaching4christ.co.uk](mailto:rodney@coaching4christ.co.uk)

Phone: 075 4399 0063

\*Please note Rodney may be unavailable during paternity leave. If this is the case you will be notified.

Thank you for your co-operation,



Rodney Weir

Head of Development / Covid-19 Officer

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