



## Club Statement

Dear Parents, Players, Coaches and fellow Committee members

Thank for your ongoing patience on a number of fronts. As you will appreciate the impacts of Covid 19 basically stopped all activities not just sporting, in their tracks when we went into lockdown. You may recall that the club took the decision to suspend all football activities before lockdown was announced as it was clear to the Committee what was about to follow given events around Europe

Now that the Government and FA have announced we can look to recommence, I am pleased to say that subject to a final "Go-NoGo" decision on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, we will look to commence training from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. I want to thank the Clubs Committee who have been working hard behind the scenes in preparation of this – there are many things that the Club have had to get ready such as risk assessments to updated club conduct forms as well as getting prepared for the signing on process too that will ensure coverage for insurance relating to injuries etc.

Also, in the midst of all that, we have spent well in excess of £1000+ on PPE such items as hand sanitisation, gloves and masks for all team managers to allow them to deal with injured players etc. We need all our Players and Parents to play their part in the fight against Covid 19 to ensure we don't go backwards with suspension of football so please play your part. We will be looking at giving each player a playing bib for training, that will be their bib to use at all times when needed. All equipment will be sterilised before and after training and matches. Below are a few things we are currently working on:

- Signing on Fees – this season it will be reduced to £15 from the usual £25, we understand that as the club face less fees in some areas, these are negated by the ongoing increase in PPE costs that we will need to factor in this season – but we also know this is a difficult time for many families and we are here to assist as much as we can. Please speak to your team manager if you are having financial issues and they can put you in touch with one of the committee members
- Subs will remain at £3 per week – we are currently looking at an online method for subs to be paid so we can keep it contactless moving forward – we are not looking to take cash payments for subs. We will commence without collecting subs for the first week or two whilst we finalise the new approach to subs payments
- Kits – When the season commences, all players will be given their own kit to wash and take home etc each week. Please can you ensure that they are kept as white as possible when you are washing them

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- The committee for 2020/21 – We have a couple of new appointments for the season ahead
  - Shane Bithell has now been appointed as Assistant Club Secretary (Shane will continue to assist Gary Joyce until Gary has a team of assistant head coaches in place)
  - Rick Parkin has been appointed our Club Development Officer. Rick has worked extremely hard with the Committee over the past 4+ Years on many projects around grants – having recently received a grant for £5,000 for Sutton High to improve the pitches
  - Mike Pimlett has also joined the Committee. Mike has taken up the role as Assistant Head Coach joining Gary Joyce's team
  - Sarah Joyce and Rick Parkin have accepted additional roles to their current roles as our Club Covid Officers (a requirement from the FA). So, look out for various comms from them in the coming weeks ahead
  - Nicki Bithell has agreed to become assistant Treasurer. As many of you know, Ethel Woodcock has been our Club Treasurer for near on the entire 38 Years we have been running and with a more digital approach now required due to Covid 19, Nicki will assist Ethel in getting this up and running as well as supporting Ethel generally

Please join me in congratulating them on their commitment to help our Club – people don't appreciate how time consuming it is serving on the Committee, so I just wanted to thank them all for agreeing to take up the roles

Lastly, as many of you will know, we had to cancel this year's presentation day and evening. We have though now received the trophies for all players who played for the Club at the point that we suspended all football activity. All Team managers have been contacted with a view to them collecting them from our Head Coach Gary Joyce ASAP so you should receive your trophies in the coming days ahead from your team manager

We have also received the loyalty awards – presented to those who have represented the club through all age groups to and including Under 16's so something I am really proud to pass out to their team managers. I hope this update has provided clarity and an update on a few things but if you have any specific queries please do speak to your team manager in the first instance who will be able to gain clarity if required from the Committee

I look forward to seeing and speaking to many of you from a safe distance of course in the coming weeks and months ahead and please help the club to ensure we keep all our Players, Coaches and spectators safe

Regards



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And on behalf of the Princes Villa FC Committee

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