

Chairman's Message



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Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club



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Dear All Club Supporters and your families,

I would like in the first instance to thank you for your incredible support not only since the season re-commenced but also in recent weeks, standing by us during what has been an incredibly difficult period for everyone, not only those associated with the club but also the nation as a whole and all our respective families.

I sincerely hope that you and your families are in good health and stay safe over the coming weeks as we deal with the latest lock down and subsequent suspension from Grassroots Football for a second time in less than 12 months. Whilst I am sure we all as individuals have our own thoughts on this and also the importance and well-being of the children and our families, we simply have to follow the guidelines if we are going to see this terrible disease which we read and hear about everyday dissipate and the R numbers diminish.

With this in mind I would like to pay a personal tribute to the many NHS Staff , Service Member ,Key Workers and frontline staff who have been leading the charge against Covid-19, a number of who I know from the friendships I have formed over my time at CFJFC are members of this football club – on behalf of the club we support and thank you all.

It has now been a further two weeks now since the terrible Coronavirus (COVID-19) disrupted not only football but our entire way of life, for the second time and forced a further temporary lock down, I just wanted to take the opportunity to send everyone a message and let you know our thoughts are with you and your families during this troubled time.

Our thoughts are also with the NHS and the people who are working through this to keep the country going. I cannot say enough times what a great job they are doing, and they have all our love and respect.

The UK Government have set measures as we all battle this pandemic and it is important that everyone play their part and follows the guidelines.

- Stay home unless essential
- Keep your distance
- Wash your hands

- Wear a mask

In addition, we should all remember to “call people and keep in touch” its amazing how much a simple phone call or message can mean.

It is precisely for that reason why I am writing this message to you all.



Football:

We hope it will not be too long before we see you again at a game or training, but once again, when, that might be another question. We respect The FA decision to bring this season to a temporary suspension just when the boys and girls were beginning to enjoy themselves and perform on the pitch, but The FA are in an impossible situation and have to put the health of players, staff and fans first.

Season 2019/2020 finished early with a number of our teams pursuing Cup and Trophies and I strongly believe that these would have been achieved and being proudly displayed , but the main objective now is for everyone to stay safe, look after their families and remember..... **“Football Will Return”**.

Online Learning

During Covid-19 and beyond, there are plenty of ways to keep involved in the game we love through [YouTube](#) while we wait for it to return in the fashion we know.

As well as [The FA's FA Learning YouTube channel](#), where there is a wider range of online learning, featuring club, referee, safeguarding and coach content, as well as The Kent FA own website www.kentfa.com

Club development webinars, coaching and referee interviews, as well as referee CPDs

(Continuing Professional Development), are just some of the features on our channel, as well as longer-running features.

Our Club

As Chairman I thought it was only right to give you an update regarding the Club's situation as we follow the Government business guidelines. Times ahead will no doubt be challenging for all, businesses, football clubs and families in fact the whole community.

The Committee at Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club will continue to work hard and look at every option during this time of uncertainty to ensure when football returns, we as a Club are ready for the next game.

The club has now for many years operated within a sensible business plan and this will continue and we will only spend money as and when required and with the excellent support of the committee, managers and coaches, the club is secure and will continue to provide Grassroots Football to the community and surrounding areas, unlike many clubs who may not be able to survive these difficult times, so many of whom I have seen have established "GoFundMe" pages, we are not in that position.

Training Tops & Polo Shirts

In fact as a Club and in support of all our member, players, managers and coaches, we have recently purchased with a 50% contribution from our Fund Raising Committee new training tops (for all players) and polo shirts (for all managers & coaches), which I have now taken delivery of and hope to be able to distribute accordingly in readiness for when training resumes.

This is just a gesture of the club's support and commitment to all our players etc during these difficult times

All that is left for me to do now is to say please stay safe, look after your family members and the elderly together. We will get through this.

Neil Hadley

Chairman

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