



The Pingle Academy COVID-19 Football Risk Assessment

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DISCLAIMER:

This guidance is for general information only and does not constitute legal advice or replace any Government or PHE advice; nor does it provide any specific commentary or advice on health-related issues. Affected organisations/persons should therefore ensure that they seek independent advice from medical practitioners, or healthcare providers, prior to implementing any return to football activity, as required. While efforts have been taken to ensure the accuracy of this information at the time of publication, the reader is reminded to check the Government website to obtain the most up-to date information regarding social distancing and any other Government measures



The Pingle Academy - Swadlincote

-  Pedestrian Route
-  Vehicular Route
-  No Spectators
-  Car Parking

COVID-19 Football Guidance

On the 17th July 2020, the FA provided a further COVID-19 update confirming that the Government has approved their plan for the return of outdoor competitive grassroots football. The following document provides a summary of the FA's updated guidance which should be read in conjunction. The FA guidance follows the advice and guidance provided by the Government, which should be followed at all times.

The FA provides several guidance documents applicable to clubs, coaches, players and parents; which can be accessed via the FA website www.thefa.com. It is important that you also read the FA guidance as well as the latest Government advice and guidance.



Summary of FA guidance:

1. Competitive outdoor training is allowed for groups of no more than **30 (including coaches)**. FA safeguarding note 5.5 should be adopted.
2. Competitive match play is permitted from the **1st August** with social distancing in place before and after matches, and during any breaks.
3. Sharing of kit and equipment should be avoided, players should bring their own refreshments and clearly label.
4. Strict **hygiene measures** are to be adopted, and hand sanitiser should be brought and used at the training/match venue.
5. Everyone must continue to maintain **social distancing** guidelines where groups of people congregate.
6. Everyone should self-assess for COVID-19 before every training session and match. If you are symptomatic or have been in possible contact with someone with COVID-19, you must not attend.
7. Players should attend training and matches already dressed in their training/match attire.

Risk Assessment

Location:

The Pingle Academy is located off Coronation Street, the astro facility is to the rear of the school main entrance and well screened from surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

Parking:

Ample off-street parking from the schools main entrance towards the astro pitches. Large chevron coach bays are located in the main entrance car park with car parking bay markings.



Access:

The Pingle Academy can be accessed by the first main gate (1) and then exited by the second main gate (2).

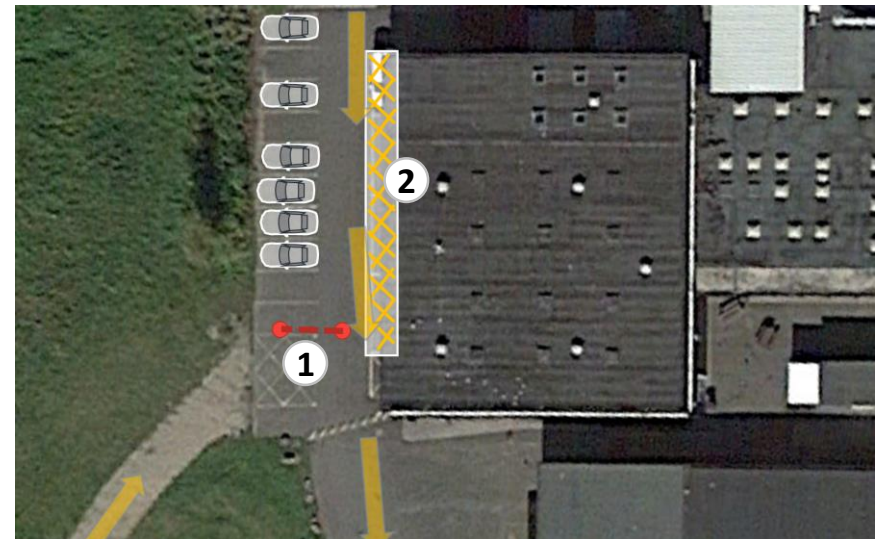
The astro pitches are accessible by footways and routes from the car parks.

Facilities:

Large full size astro pitch marked out for smaller 5-side, 7-side and 9-side pitches. Toilet facilities within the school accessed from the car park adjacent to the astro pitch. A mobile refreshments van is also located on the car park adjacent to the astro pitch.

Guidance and measures to be applied:

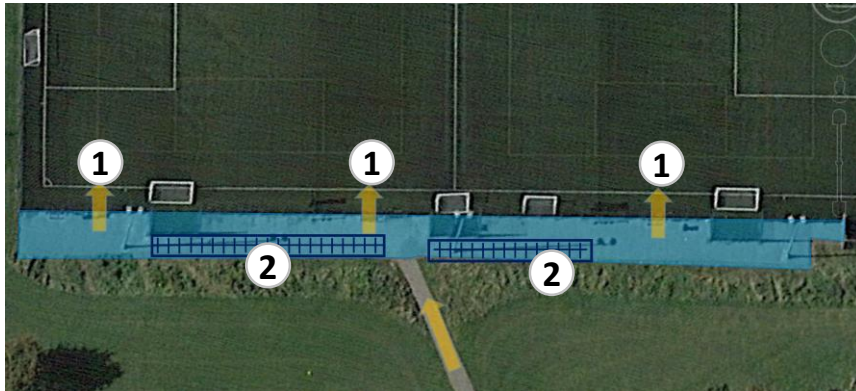
- Parking areas should be accessed using the main gates.
- Vehicles must use the car parking areas identified only.
- Visitors should not congregate in large groups when accessing the facilities from their vehicles or when leaving.
- Visitors should follow the pedestrian routes identified.



- A barrier (1) will be located adjacent to the swimming pool preventing vehicular access beyond this point
- Car parking bays adjacent to the swimming pool (2) should be kept free, providing pedestrian access to and from the car parks through the barrier. The gap/s in the barrier is to provide sufficient width for pedestrian access.
- Players, coaches and referees only to use the main walkways to and from the astro. Parents and guardians **must not** follow players to the astro pitch.

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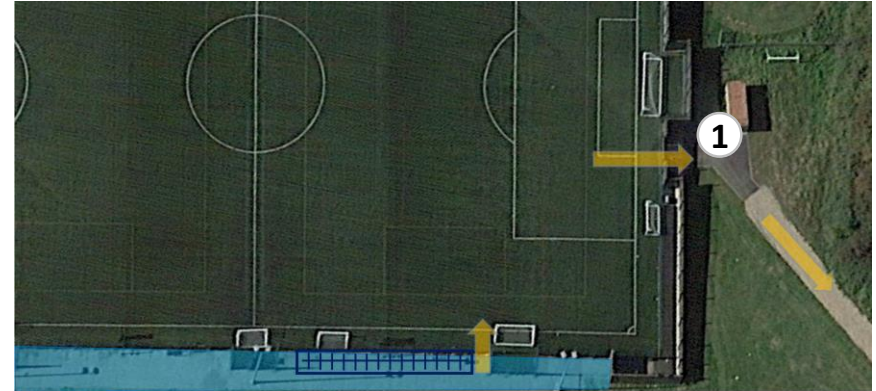
- Spectators should not use the viewing area highlighted blue.
- Teams should wait in the blue viewing area prior to the match and once pitches are clear, enter each pitch by the specific gates (1) to each individual pitch. Gates to be left open at all times to prevent unnecessary handling.



- Teams waiting to enter the pitches should keep sufficient space for people to pass (2).

NOTE: The proposed one-way system to and from the astro must be maintained by all. Spectators must not block or use the walkways to ensure they are kept open for access at all times for referees, coaches and players.

- Teams must leave the astro pitch as soon as the match has finished using the service gates (1) and exiting using the alternative gravel walkway maintaining a one-way system in and out of the astro facility.



- Visitors should not block either walkway (to and from the astro pitches).
- Team should not hold team talks at the end of the walkway so not to block access.
- Visitors are to follow latest Government social distancing guidelines and refrain from congregating in large groups at all times.

Toilet Facilities

- Will be available in the Sports Hall block.
- Hand sanitiser is available in the foyer and must be used on entry and exit.
- There will be cleaning throughout the day.

Risk Assessment

The following considers the risks of spreading/contracting the COVID-19 virus during the use of the Pingle Academy's football facilities.

	Probability	Risk		
Risk Item		Low	Med	High
People contacting (spreading COVID-19)				
Parking (use of car parks)	Likely			
En-route to and from the astro pitch	Likely			
Spectators during matches	Likely			
Players before and after matches	Likely			
Injuries (spreading COVID-19)				
Road accident	Unlikely			
To and from parking	Unlikely			
Facilities (spreading COVID-19)				
Toilets used by visitors	Likely			
Toilets used by players during matches	Likely			
Use of mobile refreshment van	Likely			
Opening of doors and gates	Likely			

Risks pre mitigation (not applying guidance and/or COVID-19 measures)

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Risks post mitigation (applying guidance and/or COVID-19 measures)

NOTE: Football clubs, leagues and groups using the astro pitch facility are responsible for identifying, implementing and applying COVID-19 measures during the use of the facility, specific to their requirements