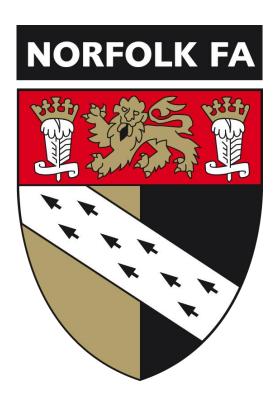
Norfolk County Football Association Ltd



2022-23 Online Affiliation Guidance Booklet

A step-by-step guide on how to affiliate your Club for the 2022-23 season using Whole Game System

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Dear Secretary,

Re: 2022/23 Online Club Affiliation

This guide has been devised by the staff at County Headquarters to assist you in completing the 2022/23 Affiliation process using the Whole Game System.

The online process consists of 8 stages which you navigate through one by one, and this guide will take you through each section a step at a time. I would therefore recommend that you read the guide in conjunction with completing each section of the Affiliation process. Should you need further assistance, you will find a short How to Guide video located at the top of each stage, which will demonstrate what is required at each point.

Should you feel unsure about any aspect of the affiliation process, please complete the following form here highlighting the issues you are facing and one of the members of staff below will be in touch.

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You can also request support using our <u>online support form</u>. This is a service that we are offering this season where we will be able to support you online as you complete your affiliation. Also we will be holding a drop in session on Wednesday 8th June at 6:30pm on Microsoft Teams, link is <u>here</u>.

Yours sincerely,

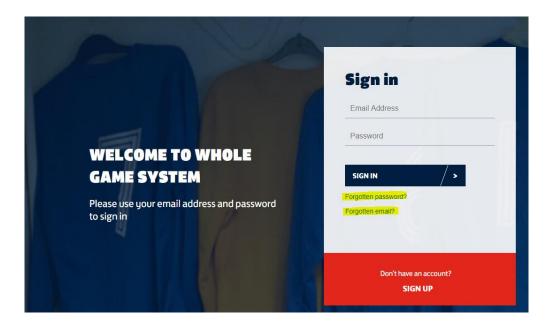
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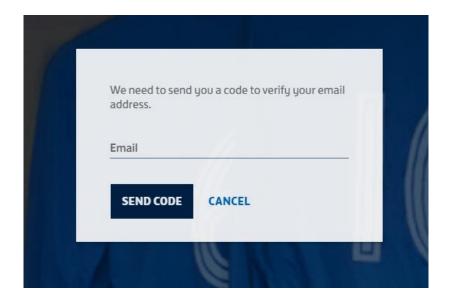
Accessing Whole Game System

The process for creating a password and accessing the registrations process is detailed below:

- A. Click on this link to the Whole Game System (WGS) WGS link.
- B. If you have forgotten or don't have a password set up for WGS you will need to click on the 'Forgotten password?' link, on the below screen as highlighted. Alternatively, if you don't know your email that is connected to your FAN then you will need to click on the "Forgotten email?" link.



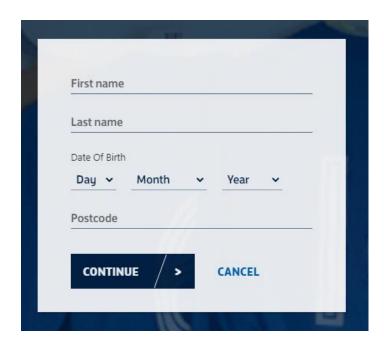
C. When clicking "Forgotten password" the below screen will appear asking you to enter your email address. This will then send you an email with a code which you will need to enter to verify your email. This will allow you to create a new password.



D. When clicking "Forgotten email" the below screen will appear asking for your FAN and password. Once entered your FAN and password the system will provide you with the correct email address to use.



E. If you don't know your FAN then please click the "I don't know my FAN" link which will direct you to the below screen. This will ask you to enter personal details which once completed will reveal your email address. If the system does not provide any matches then please contact us.



F. You'll now be able to log on to WGS on the homepage which will allow you to now start the affiliation process.

Club Dashboard

Once you have logged onto The Whole Game System (http://wholegame.thefa.com), navigate to your Club Secretary tab at the top of the screen as per the image below.



Then on the left hand side of the page, click the Affiliation 2022-23 tab to begin the affiliation process



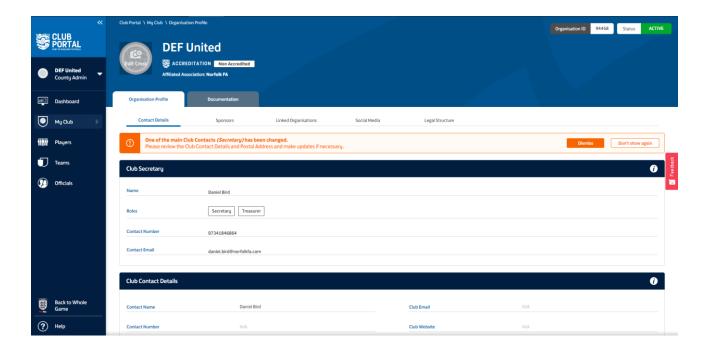
At the end of each stage in the process you can either click 'Save' to return to the process at a later date or 'Save and Continue' to move to the next step of the process



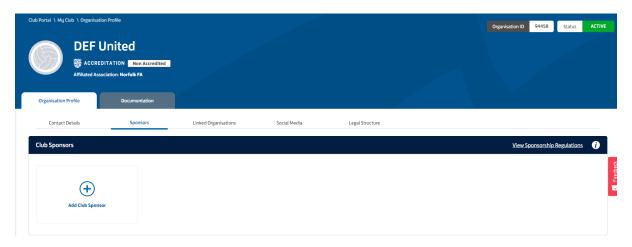
Step 1: Club Details

Before starting the Club Affiliation process, you will need to ensure that the Club details are fully upto-date. For this to be completed you will need to login to the Club Portal and select "My Club" or click "Club Profile" in Whole Game System. The My Club tab gives you the option to check and update basic Club details, such as primary contact address, sponsor and website / social media pages. To edit these details, click on the edit buttons that are situated on each of the tab pages.

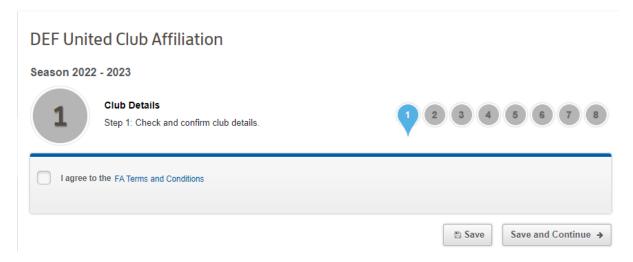
Please note that should you need to update the Name and Club Type you will need to contact the County FA.



On the Sponsor tab you will be able to add any Kit Sponsor you may have. Here you will also find a link to a guide detailing the Sponsorship Regulations.



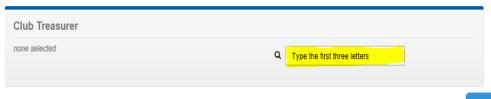
If you are happy that the details are correct, please return to Step 1 of the Club Affiliation and tick this box before hitting Save and Continue.



Step 2: Club Officials

This step of the process allows you to check and update the key Club Officials, namely **Secretary**, **Chairman**, **Treasurer and Club Welfare Officer**. Please make sure that the individual you select as Chairman has this as a unique role, i.e. they cannot be named as Secretary and/or Treasurer as well.

If any of these roles have changed search for the new person's name in the relevent search box.



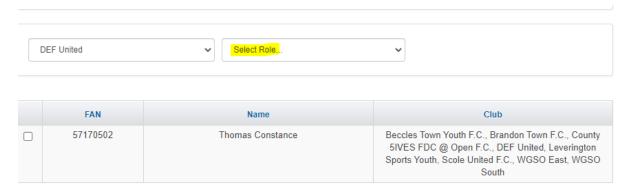
Alternatively to add a new individual, who isn't currently associated with the Club, to these roles click Add Official at the top right of the page.



Here you can search for the individual by **FAN & date of birth or by name & date of birth**. If you cannot find the individual you need to add, please contact Norfolk FA.



Once you have entered the correct information, press search to open the record. You will see the individual's details appear as below. You will need to tick the box next to their record, and select the role from the drop down list that the individual will be fulfilling before clicking ok to confirm.



Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

All clubs with U18s in their Open Age or Adult squads must also have an individual designated as the club safeguarding point of contact and are encouraged to undertake the free online Safeguarding for All Course, which can be found here.

Link for all of the relevant safeguarding courses - https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/safeguarding-courses

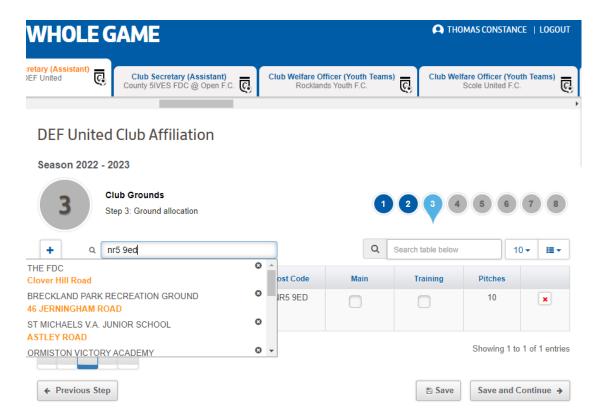
Your Club Welfare Officer will also have had to complete the Welfare Officer Workshop prior to you submitting your affiliation (if your Welfare Officer hasn't completed this course then please contact Norfolk FA). If they haven't completed this you'll see the below message:



You'll also be required to provide an approximation of the number of volunteers who are involved in running your club as The FA are looking at how best they can support them through a new FA Volunteer Strategy.



Step 3: Club Grounds



If not already populated you'll need to select the Club Ground on this page.

To add a ground, simply type the postcode or ground name into the searchbar, as highlighted in the above image. This will bring up a drop down list of grounds to pick from. You can then click the record you would like to select, which will add it to your Club Grounds.

You can add more than one ground to this page, so please add all the grounds that your teams play at if you have multiple venues.

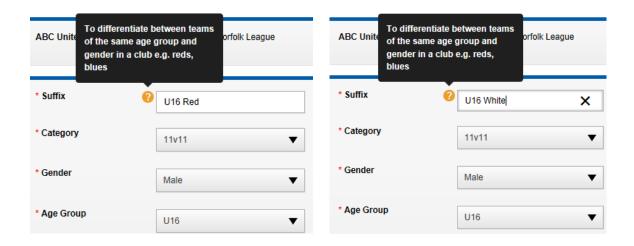
Step 4: Teams & County Cups

Step 4 allows you to review your Club teams and County Cup entries. Here you can edit existing team details or add new teams. If you have existing teams, please be aware that the system will automatically roll on the age groups, so you don't need to edit the team age groups. For example, if you had an U12 team last season, they will show as an U13 team in this season's application. In this example, we have a new Club with no teams set up yet. Click the Add Team button as highlighted below.

You can now also go back in to the process to affiliate additional team(s) once you have submitted the application at a later date, if necessary.

I confirm I have reviewed County Cups for all teams			
I confirm my League entries are correct			
← Previous Step	Add Team	Save	Save and Continue →

Go through each section of the team details page, adding the information required. If you have 2 youth teams at the same age group, you must distinguish these in the suffix box by typing in a relevent team colour. For example, if you have 2 U16 teams and the kit colours are Red & White, you could name one team U16 Red and the other U16 White:



Please note that youth teams require a named manager/coach who holds an in date **FA accepted DBS**. If the manager/coach you have added does not have the relevent DBS, you will see the following message:

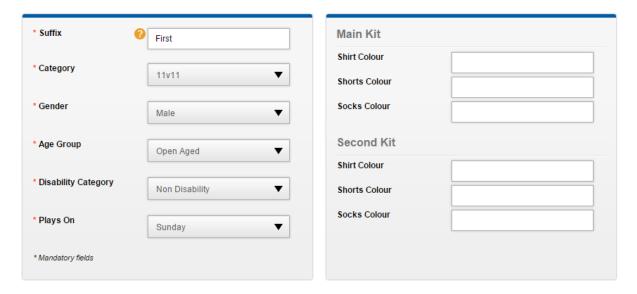


In line with FA regulations this individual MUST hold an in-date, FA Accepted, CRC for this role.

Just as in previous seasons, you will only be able to affiliate youth teams that have a manager/coach attached who holds an in-date, FA accepted DBS. Also if any 16 or 17 year olds are in adult teams

they too must hold an in-date, FA accepted DBS. If you have any questions about this, please contact our Norfolk FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario.

To add a new manager who isn't currently associated with the club, please click the Add Official button, which is exactly the same process as in Stage 2.

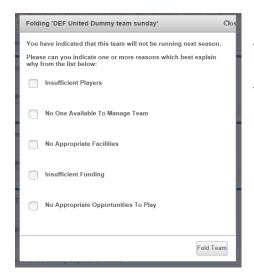


Please ensure that all teams have their main kit colours filled in and for adult teams the second kit colour must also be provided.



Should you have a team on your list that you will not be running for the 2022-23 season, please **tick** the Team Folding box to deactivate the

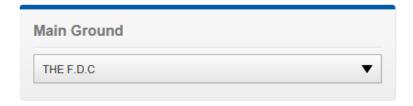
affiliation for this team.



You'll need to provide a reason for folding the team on the next screen and you can then click the Fold Team button at the bottom of this screen.

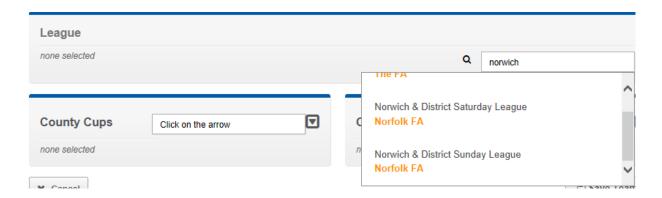
This will ensure that the team is not included in the affiliation fees at the end of the process.

When reviewing the team details, please also make sure that you confirm the Main Ground:



You will be able to select the relevant ground from a drop down menu, based upon the ground information you detailed in the previous stage.

To enter a league, search for that league in the search box. In this example, we're entering a team into the **Norwich & District Sunday League**.



Type the first word of your relevant league into the box, and it will automatically search for leagues, giving you a drop down menu of options.

To help you in terms of searching for leagues, please refer to the table below which will show what you need to type in:

Competition	Text to Enter
Norfolk Leagues:	
Anglian Combination	Anglian
Central & South Norfolk	Central
Great Yarmouth & District	Yarmouth
Inspired Soccer League	Inspired
Norfolk & Suffolk Youth	Norfolk &
Norfolk Christian	Norfolk Chris
Norfolk County FA Veterans	Norfolk County
Norfolk Women & Girls'	Norfolk Women
Norfolk Combined Youth	Norfolk Combined
North East Norfolk	North East Norfolk
North West Norfolk	North West
Norwich & District Sunday	Norwich &
The Mid Norfolk Youth	Mid Norfolk
Non-Norfolk Leagues:	
Eastern Counties	Eastern
Eastern Counties Youth	Eastern
Eastern Junior Alliance	Eastern
Eastern Region Women's League	Eastern

If you are affiliating a side just to train and /or play in friendly fixtures, then please leave this field blank.

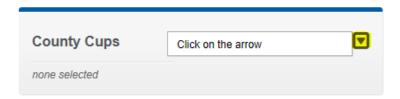
Please remember that it is compulsory for all Adult 11-a-side Clubs to enter at least one County Cup Competition, including any Club who's only adult teams are female.

Clubs with youth teams at U12, U14 & U16 ages are strongly recommended to enter their appropriate County Cup, although this is not mandatory. Please note that U13's & U15's can enter the Stuart Dracup Cup and John Savage Cup respectively should your Club not have an U14's or U16's. Each Club may only enter one team per cup competition.

To enter a County Cup, click the Edit Cups and Leagues button next to the team you are looking to enter

Edit Cups and League

On the next screen click the arrow next to the search box (do not type the name of the competition) in the County Cup section as highlighted below.



This will bring up a list of the relevent County Cups associated with the main day of play / age group for that team.



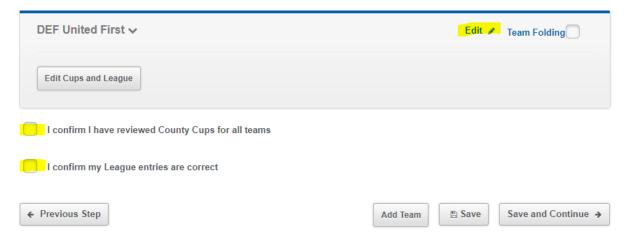
Please leave the 'Other Competitions' section on the right hand side blank. For those Clubs that enter national FA competitions, this information does not need to be provided during affiliation.

Once you are happy with the team details click



This will return you to the main team page. You can review the details of the team by clicking the drop down arrow on the right hand side of the team name and then edit any of your teams by clicking the pencil icon at the top right of the team.

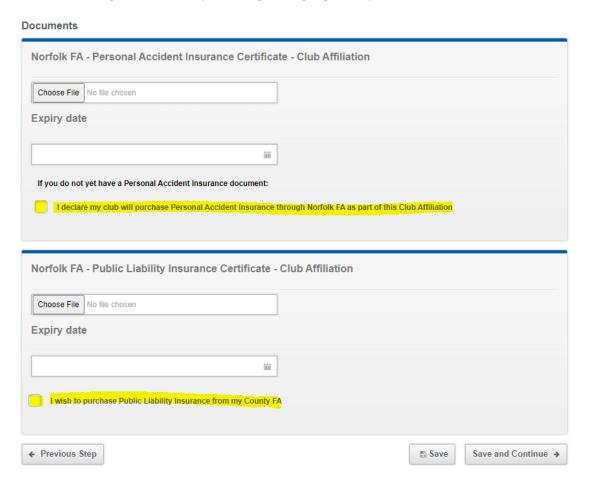
Once you have added all of your teams, tick the box saying that you have reveiwed the details for County Cups and that the League entries are correct.



Step 5: Supporting Documentation

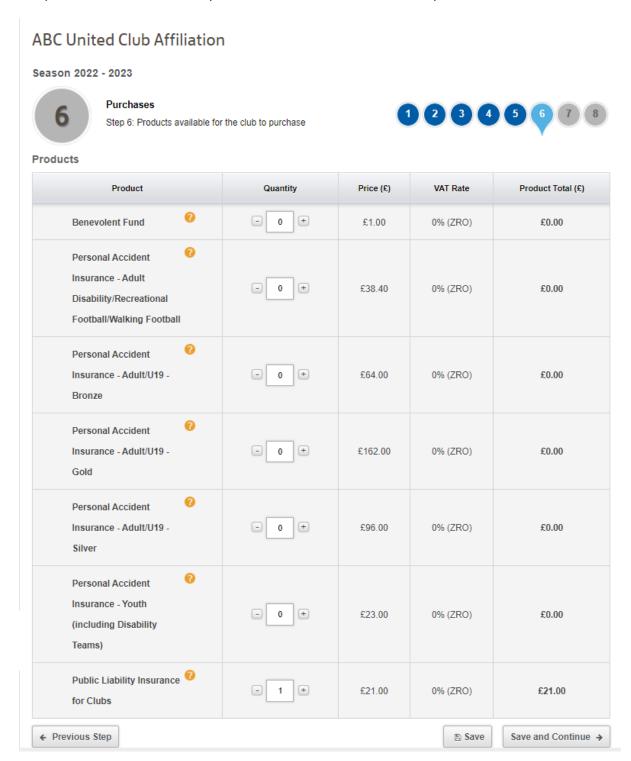
As the online affiliation process is used by all County FA's, this screen is primarily aimed at those Counties who require Clubs to purchase their insurance.

Therefore please simply declare that you wish to purchase both Personal Accident and Public Liability insurance through Norfolk FA by selecting the highlighted option below.



Step 6: Purchases

The purchases section is where you can select the relevant insurance products.

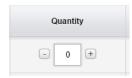


Hover over the orange question mark next to each product for more information.

You will notice that the Public Liability Insurance will already have the quantity of 1 prefilled, as this is a mandatory product per Club.

County Cup fees will automatically be added so will not appear on this screen.

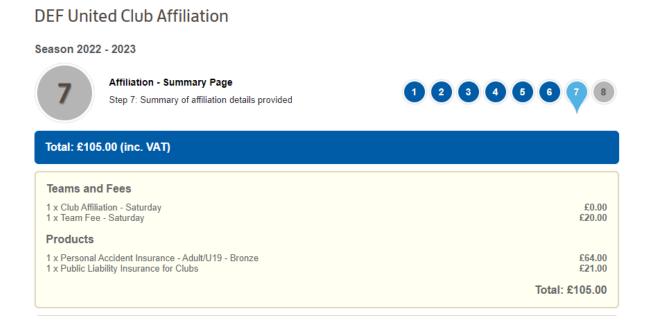
To change the quantity of a product, you can either click the plus button to add the product one by one or type the required number into the box.



In order to affilate your Club, you must purchase the required level of Personal Accident Insurance for every team that you will be running. For e.g. a two team adult Club must choose 2 of either bronze, silver or gold personal accident insurance. This can be 2 bronze, 1 bronze and 1 silver etc.

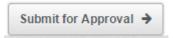
Step 7: Affiliation Summary

This step provides an **overview** of your Club Affiliation. It breaks down all of the products into separate rows to clearly outline what you will be purchasing, and calculates the overall total affiliation fee.



In this example, I have affiliated one team, for whom I have picked the Bronze level personal accident insurance.

If you are happy that all of the details are correct, click the 'Submit for Approval' button which will complete the initial process.



Your affiliation application is now ready to be reviewed by Norfolk FA. Once checked, your application will be set by us to "Submitted and Invoiced" and you will be advised by email that you are able to log on and pay for your affiliation.

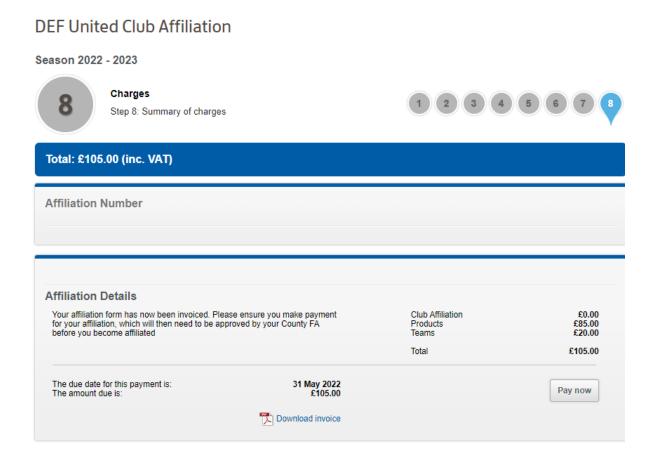
You will then be able to go to step 8 where you will be able to view and print off the invoices for you affiliation. Please be aware that there are two separate invoices: one for the insurance fees, and one for County Cup fees.

At the bottom of step 7 links the FA Safeguarding Children Policy and FA Kit Advertising Regulations are provided for you to view.



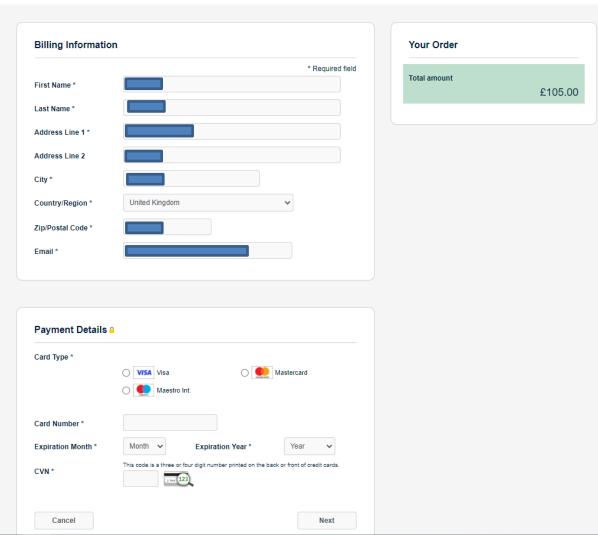
Step 8: Invoicing and Summary

Once your application has been reviewed, you will then be given access to step 8. Here you will see the total amounts for both your **Insurance fees** and **County Cup fees**.



Within this page, you can open invoices by clicking **Download Invoice**, which will open them as PDF files. You can then print them off or save them on your computer to keep for your records.





Choosing the **Pay Now** option will take you to the Barclays Smartpay secure payment page, where you can enter all the required card detail to complete the payment. If you are paying by cash or cheque, you will not have to select the pay now option.