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Dear Clubs and Leagues,

I am writing to you to keep you updated with the latest developments at Manchester FA.

I have been in contact with all our member league secretaries across Greater Manchester to provide guidance and updates in relation to the season end. In the coming weeks, I will be working with my team to arrange calls and on-line meetings with those league committee members. We will work collaboratively with them to support and guide them through the options available, which will allow the 19/20 season to be brought to a fair and reasonable conclusion.

In relation to our own County Cup competitions, we have not made any final decision for the 2019/20 season and are still open to considering all options. We will further review our position at the end of April and update all our clubs and leagues accordingly.

As you are aware, our team at Manchester FA have been working from home for more than a fortnight. We have made a conscious effort to share the latest guidance from Government and Health Authorities with you, via our social media channels.

With the pandemic unlikely to subside soon, I have now taken the decision, with the unanimous support of our Board of Directors, to furlough more than half of our workforce at Manchester FA for the foreseeable future. This decision has been taken in the best interests of our team, and of the wider grassroots football community in Manchester. The organisation will continue to operate with a core workforce in place. I want you to know that we are here to support you, your club and league. Those available for your enquiries include myself, Andy Baker, Paul Roots, Linda Meehan, Sarah Cummings and James Longdin.

Manchester FA can be contacted by email on info@manchesterfa.com, or by calling 0161 225 1966. We would encourage you to contact us with any enquiries.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you, your families and wider communities the very best of wishes through this difficult time. I would also like to pay tribute and thanks to the thousands of people connected to grassroots, who are currently either working within the health and emergency services or those that are providing public services supporting our day to day essential needs. We are indebted to you all for your work, particularly at this time.

We remain committed to supporting the grassroots football community in Greater Manchester through these unprecedented circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Colin Bridgford
Chief Executive Officer
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