

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

March 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. This month's communication is steered heavily by the unprecedented and strange situation we find ourselves in, with no football being played due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

May we start by saying we hope you and your families are all keeping safe during this time.

KEEPING YOU UPDATED ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON #NORFOLKFOOTBALL

Several stakeholders have contacted us seeking guidance regarding the current outbreak of Coronavirus. We have been updating an ongoing statement on our website, along with pulling together a selection of frequently asked questions.



STATEMENT

To view our latest statement please [click here](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To read some helpful FAQ's please [click here](#).

LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE

For the latest advice relating to Covid-19 please visit nhs.uk/coronavirus

THE FA CONCLUDES 19/20 GRASSROOTS SEASON

The FA has released a statement to bring clarity to the conclusion of this season's competitions, resulting in the decision that all grassroots football is concluded for the 2019/20 season.

FA STATEMENT

Read the full statement from The FA [here](#).

QUESTIONS?

We have prepared an FAQ document regarding this news, to read more please [click here](#).

ALL COUNTY CUP FINALS POSTPONED

After recent statements from The FA regarding the extended suspension of the Professional game until Thursday 30 April 2020, we can confirm that all County Cup Finals taking place at Norwich City FC's Carrow Road are now postponed until further notice.

Furthermore, we have confirmed the postponement of ALL other Norfolk County Cup Finals that were scheduled throughout April and May.



A full list of this season's Cup Finals that were due to take place at Carrow Road and The FDC, can be found [here](#).

NORFOLK FA STAFF

All Norfolk County FA staff wish everyone the best in these challenging times. Everyday a different member of staff is being highlighted on our social media channels with the Football Development Team being under the spotlight this past week. Make sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) to see any future staff profiles.

If you need to get in touch with anyone please e-mail Info@NorfolkFA.com.



LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

It is crucial to remember that mental health matters during this very difficult time. The FA's Heads Up campaign shows that mental health is just as important as physical health, and it only takes a second to #KickOffAConversation.



Find out more about The FA's Heads Up campaign [here](#).

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THE FA PLAYMAKER TO LAUNCH THIS SPRING

This April, a new online course will be free and perfect for anyone looking to take a more active role in grassroots football. Find out more by [clicking here](#).



FREE FUN FOOTBALL ACTIVITY BOOK

You can keep the kids occupied with the free Fun Football Activity Book from McDonald's. Find out more and order one by [clicking here](#).



FA SUPERKICKS APP

Supercharge your children's play and learning with the free FA Superkicks App. There are 100s of active and creative challenges to get your kids active. Find out more and download the App [here](#).



THE PETER SMITH GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2020



The standard of this year's competition was higher than ever! To find out the results of this season's Peter Smith Groundsman of the Year Award please [click here](#).

THE NORFOLK FA PLEDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Congratulations to Stoke United FC and Thetford Bulldogs FC who have become the first clubs in Norfolk to successfully achieve the Bronze Pledge Project award. They have committed to promoting disability football opportunities and should be proud to be the first clubs in the County to achieve this!

For more information surrounding the Pledge Project please e-mail Support@NorfolkFA.com



ADAM GUSTERSON LEAVES NCFCA

Norfolk FA's FDC & County 5IVES Manager, Adam Gusterson, is leaving the Association after 11 years. Adam joined Norfolk FA as a Community Football Coach before progressing to a Football Development Officer. He then moved across to the FDC as County 5IVES Manager and then progressing into his current role as the FDC & County 5IVES Manager.

The Association would like to thank Adam for all his efforts over the last decade and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

#NORFOLKFOOTBALLSTAYPOSITIVE

We want to bring everyone together during this time whilst acknowledging that we're all missing football!

Throughout the coming weeks of uncertainty, we're encouraging the #NorfolkFootball family to come together and 'stay positive!'. If you have any positive stories, creative ideas, videos, photos or words of motivation please make us aware!

You can contact us or tag us on Social Media via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and remember to use the hashtag #NorfolkFootballStayPositive. Alternatively, you can also share your positivity with us directly by e-mailing Marketing@NorfolkFA.com.

AND FINALLY

All of us at Norfolk FA are on hand to support you through this period, and though football will return when the time is right, please look after yourselves and each other until then.

Best wishes & stay safe,
Norfolk County FA