



## COVID-19 UPDATE #5

### Club Update, AGM Outcomes and Club Training

*Dear all players, parents, spectators and our whole community,*

I hope this letter finds you all well? The club still wishes to extend its offer of support and help so if we can offer any kind of support to you and your family, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us and we will help you in any way that we can. I want to bring you up to date with the current situation from your football club and how we are looking to bring the game back to Vogue Park as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### **Club AGM's**

Both Youth and Adult AGM's have now taken place and the up to date club structures can be found on the website. A majority of the officers, general committee members and managers have stayed in their post for another year which in times of much needed continuity, we are delighted to report such a fact. We can welcome Helen New onto the youth committee and Harry James and Jon Jordan onto the adults committee. Harry will take on the role of sponsorship officer for the club and Jon will look at a supportive committee member role. Liam Blenes has been appointed as third team manager with assistants across our adult teams being named in due course but again continuity and transition being the key. The new adult Chairman is Clive Jones, who as our past three adult Chairmen have been, he was a player, club committee member and has served the club for just over 25 years of service. I will remain as Chairman of the youth section and Vice Chairman of the club working closely with Clive in his new role.

#### **Youth Players Kit**

Can we please have all of the youth players match day (yellow) shirts back in asap as these need to be checked over by the kit officer; Amanda Trowill and prepared for the new team/players next season. Please deliver to the club any day, in a bag with your child's name on or in the bag. Last season's U16's will need to return their black warm up shirts too please at the same time. The deadline for both of these is the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

#### **Club Training**

I am sure everyone has read the guidance published by the FA on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July and the club will be following what has been "strongly recommended" for return to football for the remainder of July, during August and the planned return of fixtures in September. If you have not yet read or need to familiarise yourself please use the following link: <http://www.thefa.com/news/2020/jul/17/grassroots-guidance-for-competitive-football-restart-in-england-170720>. We will be following all of The FA and government guidelines and they too must be adhered to by every player, coach and parent, "Now that we are able to look ahead to the new season, it's crucial that we continue to do all we can to follow safety measures, both as advised by the government and specifically for football" (James Kendall, Director of Football Development at The FA).

We are looking to bring back training over the summer holidays in order to support our families and players at a critical time. We will look to utilise all seven days of the week to allow all of our 14 teams to train safely. We hope that you will support this in the short term and look to return to our normal programme of training when safe to do so and hopefully in time for winter hours. When our youth teams return a very important factor will be that **ALL PARENTS MUST STAY** in order to administer any first aid required, to your child if necessary. If there will be a problem with a parent of the child attending for the whole session, then it is not possible for your child to attend training at this time. If an adult player gets hurt at training a procedure will be followed by adult coaches and managers which will safeguard everyone in the area. **ALL** players must attend training with their own drinks bottle. Face masks are optional to each individual player and adult, but not a necessity as we are outdoors.

At this time the changing rooms and the clubhouse will not be available, due to facilities needing cleaning after every use, especially as we will look to utilise every day of the week. However, we feel it only right to have a toilet facility open and these will be cleaned daily, we ask parents to escort their child and remain at the door in order to ensure only one person is in the toilets at a time.

Please prepare your boots, shin pads, drinks bottles and training kit as we will release a training schedule for each team in the coming days in order to get training up and running by the end of July.

#### **Player Registration**

Thank you to all of those that have signed on via the Whole Game System for the up and coming season, can the final few that haven't signed on yet do this as a matter of urgency. If you haven't received an email can you please make contact asap

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so we can get this sorted. It is important that all registrations go through Clair Richards for the youth and Shane Hodges for the adults and we are looking at the deadline for existing members to resign of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July as we need to look to sign more players to ensure the future of the teams. If you do not wish to sign, please can you reject the registration via the email and we can detach the player. This way a quicker sign on process can be sought at a new team/club now or in the future.

### Current League Status

All of the leagues have had their AGM's and the divisions, fixtures and events are now being planned. The CCFA published that all last year's county cups have be voided and efforts will go into organising this coming seasons competition. The St Piran's League (*St Day first team*) have emailed today, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July and stated that they have been preparing for a start date of 5<sup>th</sup> September. Now that the FA Cup & Vase dates have been confirmed some adjustments will need to be made, a decision on the County Cups and the dates for those will be made in the next few days. These dates will have a ripple effect on the draft fixtures and will take a little time to work through so please be patient whilst these are finalised. As a club we anticipate that this will be a similar statement, effect and idea of all our leagues.

Please keep an eye on social media and FA and CCFA announcements but please remember behind every announcement is a risk assessment, today's announcement carries a 22-page risk assessment. Every aspect of that carries a responsibility from the club and of course required resources, in order to adhere to those guidelines. We must ensure that every guideline is adhered to, as in the event of any insurance claim, it could be seen as voided due to precautions not being taken and of course the bottom line to all of this is to keep us all safe, let the virus fully pass and return to as close to normal as possible.

### Dave Searle Cup

It is with deep regret that we cannot hold this year's tournament but rest assured we did try and did have several communications with the authorities in order to reach a conclusion. However, it could not be authorised nor covered by insurance under the guidelines. The decision had to be made, as we hope you appreciate, that a tournament on such a scale cannot be delivered in a short space of time. We will be back in 2021 and the date is likely to be 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July.

### Sponsorship

We are keen to hear from any business that would like to become sponsors of our club. Payment plans can be offered on kit with a 0% finance of all kit from TAG Sports. We would like to thank Redruth Charity Trust for their recent sponsorship of our big puffa style substitute jackets for all our youth teams. This will keep three subs in all our youth teams warm in the wet winter weather. Our new sponsorship officer; Harry James is the initial contact person in the club and he can be contacted via his details on our club website.

### Celebration Weekend

It is still our desire to try and hold our marquee event on a much smaller scale at the start of the season for all players, families and sponsors to enjoy. It will also be a time to celebrate the 54 years of service of Dave Searle, something that will happen as soon as it is safe to do so by a large amount of people. The individual youth player trophies will be handed out by the managers on the commencement of training.

Please stay safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing you all soon, remember to return any outstanding St Day kit, especially the youth match shirts.

We are looking forward to seeing you all back at the club as soon as it is safe to do so.

My very best wishes and health to you all

**Mark Leah**  
**Proud Chairman of St Day Youth**  
**& Vice Chairman of St Day AFC**

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