Dear all,

Here are the procedures we have put in place to ensure that all our members are as safe as possible when they return to Mini Netters after the October half term. Please read the procedures very carefully and ensure that you discuss them with your daughter.

We are allowed to do group skills, share equipment, and play modified matches, but we have to socially distance where possible, and sanitise hands and equipment regularly and frequently.

Most importantly you need to be aware that there is no obligation or pressure to return to training. Everyone will have their own personal situation which might make them nervous about returning, possibly involving shielding, or looking after relatives, or possibly just nervous about returning to normality after being at home for so long. For this reason all members need to “opt-in” before they are allowed to train. “Opting in” means you are aware of the risks and agree to follow the Club’s safety procedures to protect yourself and others. Even after “opting-in”, please speak to your coach or myself if your circumstances change, or you are returning to netball after having covid-19, or any other covid-related issue. We will work with you to ensure a happy, safe and gradual return.

Please familiarise yourselves with the attached files

1. Health Screening Checklist
2. Personal Risk Assessment

As ever, the safety and well-being of all our club members remains our top priority and the club will continue to comply with all guidance and requirements laid out by both England Netball and the UK Government in progressing through the stages of return. Please help support our return and the work that has been done by the club by ensuring we all stick to the rules. We are very fortunate to have access to training facilities – many of our peer clubs are not so lucky – so we need to keep acting diligently and responsibly to maintain our access.

**On Arrival**

On arrival one our coaches will be positioned at the entrance to take a register, and to conduct a brief health check, monitoring girls for visible signs/symptoms of covid-19. Players will be asked to sanitise their hands.

There will be spots laid out along the edges of the court. Girls will select a cone – which will be their home base where you can put your water bottle, and any clothes they need to take off during training.

**Your Session**

Our coaches will ensure your session is delivered according to England Netball safety guidelines. For example, bibs are not to be swapped, balls are sanitised every 15 minutes, and all drills should be socially distanced where possible.

According to England Netball, our Governing Body, netball has been given the go ahead on the basis that close contact is “minimised” but not stopped, as apparently the longer you are exposed to the virus the more likely you are to catch it. Therefore we are allowed to play matches, but they are modified matches to reduce contact time. Warm ups, drills etc. all have to be carefully considered to minimise contact and minimise close proximity of players. Therefore to allow a full and valuable training session, players must ensure they arrive socially distanced, and they must be socially distanced when chatting, warming up, and leaving. Please help us keep everyone safe.

**Departure**

Players will be asked to sanitise their hands as they leave the courts, and then leave the premises as quickly as possible, to allow for the next group to arrive. We ask that parents wear a face covering for both drop off and pick up.

**Toilets and Changing Facilities**

Please arrive changed and ready to play. We have ONE toilet which is not exclusive use. Coaches will not be able to leave the court to take your child to the toilet and therefore, if they do need to go, a coach will call you and request you take your daughter to the sports hall.

**Water**

Players MUST bring their own water bottles as the drinking fountains at Nescot are NOT in use.

**First Aid**

We will not be administering any First Aid. First Aid equipment will be available at the side of the courts for girls to use should they need to. We will be calling parents to collect their daughter if anyone needs more than a plaster.

**Illness**

Before players and coaches leave home, they must all undergo a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms. No-one should leave home to participate if they, or someone they live with, has symptoms of COVID -19 currently recognised as any of the following:

* A high temperature
* A new, continuous cough
* A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

Should anyone show any signs of illness at training, we will immediately phone parents so that the player can be picked up and taken home.

**Track and Trace**

A register will be taken at each session so we know who has attended on which day and this information will be held by the club for 21 days. In the event that a player tests positive for Covid-19, they should follow government guidance, and they must ensure that Kate Brunning is notified. While respecting relevant medical confidentiality requirements, Kate will inform the parents of members of that year group that “someone” has tested positive. In the event that this is the case, players within that year group will not be permitted to return to sessions for a period of 14 days following the potential exposure.

**Questions**

Please contact mininetters@outlook.com if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to netball.

Kind regards,

Kate Brunning