## Harborough Town FC



## Announcement from UK Government & The FA regarding COVID-19 Restrictions Thursday, 5 November 2020

Following clarifications from the UK Government and The FA we have been advised of the following:-

'Non-elite' football which includes Steps 3-6 of the National League System [NLS], Tiers 3-7 of the Women's Football Pyramid [WFP], the Regional NLS Feeder Leagues, and indoor & outdoor grassroots fixtures and all training, is to be suspended during the lockdown period.

Unfortunately this means that the club and its pitches will be closed to members from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, which means all fixtures <u>and</u> training sessions are cancelled within this period.

The exception being Brooke House College Football Academy, who under the government regulations are identified as a sports school, of which sports training is within their normal academic curriculum, and therefore they are allowed to continue to train. We have also received an approach from a step 2 football club (who are classed as 'Elite'), to train at our site during the lockdown period. This is something that the trustees are considering from both a financial and logistical point of view.

During this period of closure Marion Hayton (Maz) will continue to undertake the administration for the club, and will be contactable for all coaches.

I know how disappointing this will be for our members as it is for the trustees, but we are fully committed to keeping the club safe for our members during this period of new Covid-19 restrictions and hopefully we will be back playing football in December. This is a temporary pause and the intention is for the season to be completed even if this means the season being extended into the summer months.

As previously advised, it is impossible for the trustees to make any sensible decisions around subs until the end of the season, and we therefore ask parents / players to ensure fees are paid / continue to be paid.

The trustees will keep you fully informed during the period of closure and all being well we look forward to welcoming you back to football in December.

**Board of Trustees** 





