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To: SFA Council, Staff, Affiliated leagues

Further to previous on grassroots football and coronavirus, please see as follows:

FA Statement:

"The FA is fully aware that there are questions about whether grassroots football in England should be played because of the Covid-19 virus."

"Consistent with Government advice, The FA is recommending that grassroots football is able to continue as usual for now, with each league or centre making its own individual decision based on its local situation and the availability of players and officials. However, we would fully respect and support any leagues, centres or teams that wish to postpone fixtures in light of the Covid-19 virus."

The decision to postpone all professional football in England has been taken with the integrity of the competitions in mind, considering the availability of players, staff and facilities.

We will continue to monitor all Government advice and keep the situation under constant review, with the priority being the health and wellbeing of all. Further updates will follow as needed."

Therefore as mentioned in my earlier emails, it is for individual leagues to decide if they wish to continue with their fixtures or suspend them. As mentioned previously we would advise than requests for postponement requested due to self-isolation be granted and requests where teams do not wish to play because players/parents/coaches have concerns, be looked at favourably.

Finally, As mentioned previously (and from experience today) this situation is incredibly fluid, things will invariably change and likely so at pace, we will keep you informed as and we get new advice.

Thanks for your perseverance during a hectic day.

Regards

