



### **Ramsbottom United Junior FC – Club Survival Plan update 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

Dear Club Members,

Firstly we trust that you and your families are well and on behalf of the Committee we would like to thank you all for your support and patience during this ongoing crisis situation.

Following our communication at the end of March and the recent guidance from the Football Association and the Lancashire Football Association we are now updating you on our current position and next steps.

#### **Club Finances**

The club has remained in hibernation and all expenditure has been minimised to essentials only. We have been actively reclaiming any refunds owed to us from unused winter training facilities and also making applications, where possible, for grants and any funding to help in the interim and long-term recovery and progression of Ramsbottom United Juniors. Thankfully the due diligence and exceptional efforts of the committee has kept us in a secure financial position that should allow us to make a positive re start when the time comes.

#### **Club Subscriptions**

We thank you for supporting the subscription payments through Webcollect and for advising us regarding any changes to your circumstances. This has been vital in helping us maintain our existence and as promised in our last communication, the club will suspend any further monthly subscription collections from the end of June until further notice. No action is needed on this by any club member. We will review the subscriptions for the forthcoming 2020-2021 season when we have a clearer understanding of when we can re-start.

#### **Club Activities**

The Football Association has issued new guidance on permitted grass roots football activity which presents us with many challenges in resuming anything safely. This has been followed by advice from the Lancashire Football Association strongly urging grass roots clubs not to arrange training sessions until further guidance on both risk assessment and public liability implications, so with this in mind, we have decided to keep our club in hibernation for now. This means that the following activities will remain suspended until further notice:

- Training sessions
- Matches & friendlies
- Presentation day
- Girls football tournament
- Festival of Football (U6 recruitment event & tournament)
- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The club will continue to monitor advice from the relevant bodies and will explore all options before any changes take place. The welfare and safety of all our members remains paramount and we will only resume when it is absolutely safe to do so and all the processes & procedures are in place without compromise. In the meantime, there will be no return to training or other activities under the RUJFC banner.

Please stay safe and healthy and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Ramsbottom United JFC Committee,

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#### **Chairman**

Ramsbottom United Junior Football Club