



Ramsbottom United Juniors FC  
Top Park  
Bolton Road West  
Ramsbottom  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **Ramsbottom United Juniors FC Club Survival Plan**

- 1. Club enters hibernation to minimise costs.**
- 2. All expenditure ceases except facility costs at Top Park.**
- 3. June will be the last monthly subscription.**
- 4. Club awakes when FA & Government policies allow.**

Dear Club Members.

We write to you amidst the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis that is affecting so many aspects of our daily lives. The volunteer Committee of this great club, as Committee members, coaches and parents of players, are acutely aware of the effect that the social distancing policies are having. In many cases this is now affecting the income of families and with no clarity on when these measures will end, we all are considering ways to minimise our expenditure. The Club is no different. The following Survival Plan outlines how we aim to protect the club so we can resume football when the restrictions are lifted. The alternative is unthinkable - that the club and its facilities that we have worked hard to establish over the years will be all lost.

#### **Club finances**

Following the conclusion of the winter training the Club's finances are at the lowest ebb. This is true in any club year. Due to the crisis the Committee have cancelled and obtained refunds for all training sessions that haven't been used; have stopped all club expenditure that they can but there are facility costs mainly relating to Top Park that cannot be avoided. Therefore, after close analysis of the Club finances, the Committee has determined that the club will have enough funds to survive once the June monthly subscriptions have been received. This will allow the club to meet its commitments until the new grass roots season 2020/21 can be instigated.

#### **Club subscriptions**

The Club operates two subscription formats – subs can be paid as a lump sum at the start of the season or by monthly subscriptions spread equally over 12 months (July to June). So, for those paying monthly there are 3 payments remaining (April, May & June) which represents 25% of the subscription. The Club recognises that whilst the monthly payments were entered into in good faith, by both Members and Club, some Members may now have an issue paying the final subscriptions – if this is the case please email [welfare@rammyutdjfc.co.uk](mailto:welfare@rammyutdjfc.co.uk). Therefore, following receipt of the June



Subscriptions the Club will suspend all payments automatically via Webcollect – no action is needed by any Club Member. No post-June payments will be taken until the players have signed on for 2020/21.

### **Club activities**

Due to the social distancing measures the club is effectively now in hibernation until such time that we can awake and start playing and watching the game we all love. Unfortunately, the following club activities are postponed indefinitely until further notice:

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

We thank you for your support in these difficult times and look forward to restarting the football for the children as soon as the Government and Football Association deem it appropriate to do so.

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

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