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Dear Members

This is an update with regards to the COVID 19 restrictions at Team Kennet and how we would like to ease restrictions where possible. Please read the following carefully. To ease restrictions at training, and maintain the "COVID 19 secure environment", we all must adhere to the guidelines set out below. We also must be mindful of people's circumstances and welfare for all members and staff who have not yet received their Covid jabs therefore social distancing still applies throughout this process.

As of Wednesday 9th June, we would like to "pilot" the following changes to ease some of the current restrictions we have in place at TK. This is the next step of our plan, but we will still have a risk assessment in place as required by EA.

- We will allow ONE Person from each car to be able to watch their own children on Grass Bank ONLY near the ramp area, and keeping a 2-metre distance as in Government guidelines and England Athletics unless in a bubble group. Please do not bring siblings currently due to space available.
- You can move around but we ask that you wear a face covering.
- We have a toilet at the back of the pavilion available for parents only. Athletes and coaches can continue to use the facilities in the changing rooms.
- You can now park and walk to the common, from inside the car park but if you have your dog, we ask that you use the common carpark as we have a "No dogs policy" at the club.
- NO parents or Athletes to watch or gather on the Club Veranda or steps.
- When athletes arrive through the pavilion and leave the track via the ramp, we ask that you do not congregate in the car park.
- Reception is open from 6.15pm for any parent to pay for membership or training money, please wear a face covering at this time.

Car Park Marshals are there to help assist with the safety of the children. Please remember they cannot open car doors. They will help with traffic congestion or give advice to parents needing information where necessary. Please always listen to them. They are there for safety reasons.

Whilst we would like to come out of restrictions quickly, we have a pathway to follow therefore we will continue to be advised by all the governing bodies.

Below are a few things that we know about, and things that we will continue to use, at this time.

- We are aware that some primary and secondary schools have closed year groups, that is why we ask that anyone who has symptoms or are isolating, must inform us, but also stay away from the club.
- Once you come through the gates of the track, that is you, telling us, that you do not have COVID, or symptoms and you are not isolating.
- We will continue with the temperature checking until further notice.
- Entrance to the track is via the reception. Exit will continue via the ramp only.
- Athletes, Coaches, and helpers must continue to bring their personal bag containing hand sanitiser, wipes, water etc for their personal use only.
- We are aware that you can have larger groups, but we are a "COVID 19 secure environment" with both children and adults, therefore we do not put people at risk: we ask that groups are no more than 6 please. This is to air the side of caution. We must remember that we have over 30 members of staff on site during a Wednesday night.

- We are looking at re-opening the tuck shop, but we want everything to be safe, including staff, before we do that. We are hopeful this will be ready from the summer.
- All Competitions, including invitational and open meets, are still under restrictions and again they are limiting one parent allowed with the athlete however some are still saying No spectators. Please be mindful of this.

My colleagues and I are understanding of the frustration we are all experiencing, but we will do everything possible to be safe, and that we continue to be in a safe training environment. Your co-operation is requested, and we ask for your patience and understanding while we see this situation through.

From June 21st we will review the above along with Government Guidelines and England Athletics guidelines so we can continue to stay open however if we are advised to close or to go back to restrictive training sessions, we will at a moment's notice so please look out for updates.

Please remember we are all Volunteers, and the club has taken the "COVID 19 secure environment", Procedure extremely carefully to safeguard all the Volunteers, Athletes and Parents while on site.

Yours in sport

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