

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – 11TH MARCH 2020

Dear members, parents, gymnasts and staff

I am writing on behalf of the trustees and members of BGC to provide an update on Coronavirus (COVID-19), and the precautions and impact it could have on our club.

It will come as no surprise our priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone who is employed by the club and those who use our facilities. We want to encourage a cautious and proactive approach that provides the least disruption to our staff and members, whilst keeping everyone active and healthy.

What we've already done

- Educating all members on the importance of personal hygiene, including not shaking hands and reducing non-essential physical contact
- Following government advice, including 'Catch It. Bin it. Kill it.' and putting detailed instructions about best hand washing practice in all toilets
- Formed working group of trustees and senior management to monitor the situation

What we're continuing to do

- Monitoring government, local authority and governing body advice
- Advising anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 to avoid the club for 14 days for the benefit of our staff, members and facility users
- Increasing our standard cleaning hours and scope of works for deeper daily cleans

What we need from you

We need your support. As an independent charity, we rely heavily on your support and membership to provide the training and employment of our gymnasts and staff, and our aim is to remain open and continue the training of all gymnasts who are not affected, and to ensure we are safe, operational and functioning for when others are able to return.

If you or your child develop a fever, please avoid attending the club and contact NHS 111 and follow their advice. Please also note that due to a recent incident of Scarlet Fever at the club, you should monitor for these symptoms too.

There is no need to inform us if you are not attending your regular sessions, but please inform us if you or your child have recently attended the club and have a confirmed case of COVID-19 by emailing our working group on covid@basingstokegym.co.uk which is continually monitored.

For all questions, queries or concerns please email covid@basingstokegym.co.uk, we will also be providing any updates to our policy or situation via our social media and emails.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Steve Hough

Chairman of Trustees, Basingstoke Gymnastics Club